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Australian Grape & Wine Acknowledges Appointments to Wine Australia Board

Lee McLean, Chief Executive Officer of Australian Grape & Wine, acknowledges the new appointments to the board of Wine Australia, announced today by Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The newly appointed directors will serve a three-year term from 1 October 2024:

- Dr Angeline Achariya, Victoria
- Ms Roslyn Baker, Queensland
- Mr Andrew Kay, South Australia
- Ms Elizabeth Riley, New South Wales
- Ms Peta Slack-Smith, Victoria

They join the incumbent Chair, Dr Michele Allan AO, and replace outgoing board members Ms Catherine Oates, Ms Catherine Cooper, Mrs Frances-Anne Keeler, Mr Mitchell Taylor, Mr Justin Brown, and Mr John Lloyd.

"I thank the outgoing directors for their efforts during a period of significant transformation.

"It is essential that the new board works closely with Australian Grape & Wine to strengthen and encourage profitable, resilient, and sustainable winegrape and wine businesses, ensuring that Australian wine is well placed to overcome the current challenges and thrive on both the domestic and international stage," Mr McLean concluded.

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About Australian Grape and Wine Inc

Australian Grape and Wine Inc is the national association of grape and wine producers. We address issues across the supply-chain that impact on the profitability and sustainability of the sector. We lead and advocate public policy that enhances the ability to responsibly produce, promote and enjoy Australian wine in moderation.

Australian Grape & Wine is recognised as a representative organisation for winegrape and wine producers under the Wine Australia Act 2013, and is incorporated under the SA Associations Incorporation Act 1985. We work in partnership with the Australian Government to develop and implement policy that is in the best interests of winegrape growers and winemakers across Australia.