

MEDIA RELEASE

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ASVO announces new President and changes to its Board

The Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO) today announced that Brooke Howell, Yalumba Family Vignerons, has been appointed President of the ASVO.

Upon accepting the appointment Howell said, "I am honoured to be elected and look forward to building on the legacy of the Society, promoting education, providing forums for professional development, and enhancing the exchange of technical information."

Howell is joined by newly elected Directors Dr. Eveline Bartowsky, Lallemant and Mike Hayes, Sirromet Winery. Dr Anthony Robinson and Dr Mardi Longbottom were re-elected and Kristy Bartrop, Andy Clarke, Richard Fennessy and Dr Paul Grbin continue as the Regional Directors.

"I would like to thank outgoing President, Dr Anthony Robinson, for his hard work and dedication to the Society. He has been a terrific role model. His insight and focus have been invaluable during his term as President. I'm particularly pleased that he has been re-elected for his third term on the board and will take on the role of Vice President on the new Board where he can continue to be a great source of wisdom and guidance," added Howell.

The ASVO would also like to thank outgoing Directors, Matt Holdstock and Chris Brodie. Matt has made an outstanding contribution to the Board having served as Public Officer and Secretary and Chair of the Wine Show committee over a four-year period. Chris has provided valuable experience and insight to the Board and will continue in an advisory role for the 2020 Viticulture Seminar.

ASVO Directors are:

Ms Brooke Howell	President
Dr Anthony Robinson	Vice President
Ms Kristy Bartrop	Treasurer, (Regional Director, NSW)
Dr Eveline Bartowsky	Secretary & Public Officer
Mr Andy Clarke	(Regional Director VIC)
Mr Richard Fennessy	(Regional Director WA, QLD & TAS)

Assoc. Prof. Paul Grbin (Regional Director, SA)
Mr Mike Hayes
Dr Mardi Longbottom
Mr Chris Waters Executive Officer

The Board of Directors will be working hard for the Society on a number of initiatives in the coming year to enhance the value for members. Keep an eye on the ASVO newsletter for further updates on our activities throughout the year.

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[Picture Ms Brooke Howell]

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The Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO), founded in 1980, is a professional society to serve the interests of practising winemakers and viticulturists by encouraging the exchange of technical information.