

MEDIA RELEASE

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FUTURE LEADERS – SUCCESSION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN WINE SECTOR PROGRAM

2007 Future Leaders selected from record field

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia Chief Executive Stephen Strachan today announced the selection of the 2007 participants for the second stage of an industry funded program to develop future leaders for the wine sector.

'The first intake of the program was completed by 15 participants over seven months, with resoundingly positive outcomes from our first group of Future Leaders', he said. 'Most have now been invited into new roles in industry groups and organisations to help drive the wine sector into the future.'

'I am extremely pleased to announce that we have now selected 15 highly skilled and qualified people to participate in the second program. Our commitment to this program remains very high and it has already begun to make a significant contribution to the future success of the wine sector.'

'After an extensive application process, more than 80 applications of an extremely high calibre were received, making the task of selection a challenging one. However I am confident that we will once again see excellent outcomes from this group of future wine sector leaders', said Mr Strachan.

'The 15 participants selected come from a broad variety of backgrounds and experience and across the industry value chain.'

The three year innovative program is jointly initiated by the Winemakers' Federation of Australia, the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and Wine Grape Growers' Australia. *WBM – Australia's Wine Business Magazine*, is the program's Founding Partner and plays an important role in distributing information about the program and profiling participants.

The 2007 program commences on 13 August in Adelaide.

Further information about the Future Leaders Program is available on the website of the Winemakers' Federation at <http://www.wfa.org.au/leadership.htm>. A list of the successful applicants is provided below.

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2007 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>State</i>
Sheridan Alm	Viticulture/Business Manager	Yatco Pty Ltd	SA
Eliza Brown	CEO/Director	Peter R Brown Family Vineyards	Vic
Jeremy Dineen	Winemaker/Manager	Josef Chromy Wines	Tas
Kate Goodman	Senior Winemaker/Winery Manager	The Yarra Hill Winery	Vic
Tom Harvey	Sales and Marketing Manager	Chalk Hill Wines	SA
Dr Andrew Hightet	Managing Director	Killinchy Wines	WA
Andrew Kay	Chief Executive Officer	Wirra Wirra Vineyards	SA
Brett McKinnon	General Manager – Viticulture and Winemaking	Orlando Wines	SA
Alexandra McPhee	Equity Analyst, Beverages	Southern Cross Equities	NSW
Mary Retallack	Senior Viticultural Consultant	Scholefield Robinson Horticultural Services	SA
Jason Spiteri	Commercial Manager – Winemaking and Operations	Yalumba Wine Company	SA
Andrew Stark	Marketing Director	Cumulus Wines	NSW
Christina Tulloch	General Manager	Tulloch Wines	NSW
Andrew Weeks	Vineyard Manager	Jubilee Park Vineyards	SA
Anthony Wilkes	Chief Executive Officer	Ferngrove Vineyards	WA