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PEAK GROWERS BODY APPOINTS NEW LEADERS

Wine Grape Growers Australia (WGGA), has appointed a new senior executive team to lead the organization. The WGGA Board yesterday appointed a new Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Executive Director.

Limestone Coast grower **Vic Patrick** was appointed Chairman, replacing Alan Newton, who has spent 4 years at the helm of WGGA. Mr Patrick has vineyard holdings in both the Coonawarra and Wrattonbully wine regions in South East South Australia, and is one of industry's most experienced viticulturalists and industry statesmen. He is one of two representatives for the Rest Of South Australia Zone on the WGGA Board.

Justin Jarrett, who replaces Mr Patrick as WGGA Deputy Chairman, is a vineyard owner and operator in the Orange wine region of NSW, and represents the Rest Of NSW and Queensland Zone on the WGGA Board.

Lawrie Stanford is the new Executive Director, the former General Manager – Information & Analysis with the Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation, and one of Australia's most respected wine industry analysts. Mr Stanford succeeds Mark McKenzie who leaves WGGA this week after almost 4 and a half years to take up the role of Chief Executive of Murray Valley Winegrowers. Mr Stanford commences with WGGA on July 19th.

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