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**The AWRI announces the appointment of new Chairman**

The AWRI announced today the resignation of the AWRI Chairman, Dr John Stocker AO from the AWRI Board. In announcing his decision, Dr Stocker thanked the staff, management and board for their valuable and sustained work in support of the Australian wine industry and wished the AWRI continuing success.

Professor Sakkie Pretorius, the AWRI's Managing Director, thanked Dr Stocker for his important contribution to the AWRI and for his visionary leadership. "Dr Stocker's wealth of experience in science and business and his long standing involvement in the wine industry has significantly contributed to the AWRI's ongoing success and will be sorely missed" said Professor Pretorius "I greatly enjoyed working with Dr Stocker and it is with sadness that I announce his resignation from our Board. However, it is with pleasure that I confirm Dr Stocker will be succeeded by Mr Peter Dawson as acting Chairman". Professor Pretorius also announced that Mr James Brayne had been appointed as acting deputy chairman.

The current appointments will ensure the AWRI will continue to deliver world-class research and integrated solutions to Australia's grape and wine producers.

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