



# MARGARET RIVER WINE

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Margaret River Wine Association appoints Chair with extensive Board and Leadership experience**

The Margaret River Wine Association Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Greg Wall as Chair, commencing June 2019. Greg has extensive Board and CEO level leadership experience.

Greg is the Group CEO of Capricorn Society Limited from 2011 to June 2019. Capricorn is Australia's leading motor vehicle repair industry cooperative with more than 20,000 members.

He has extensive experience in Financial Services through roles as Managing Director of Home Building Society, CEO StateWest Credit Society Ltd and State Manager at Challenge Bank.

Greg says, "I have a strong affinity with the Margaret River wine region, having held a minor shareholding in a local vineyard for 22 years and I spend a lot of my leisure time at a property I own in the region."

Greg brings extensive commercial, leadership, business strategy and board governance experience, particularly in the Mutual and Cooperative sector to the Margaret River Wine Association.

He has held a variety of significant and relevant directorship, non-executive directorship and leadership roles across many industries.

Notable experience includes Non-Executive Director positions at Automotive Holdings Group, Gold Estates, WA Football Commission, Fremantle Football Club, Edith Cowan University and five years as Director of CUSCAL (the Australian Credit Union peak body). He was also Chairman of Freo Cranes and Machinery.

Greg played a major part in the international celebrations of cooperatives as Chairman of the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives Secretariat. Following on from this success, Greg was instrumental in the formation of the Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals in Australia and was a director of that institution from 2011 to 2019. Greg is also a director of the International Cooperative Alliance (the global peak body for the co-operative movement) and Domains.coop Ltd. Greg also holds the position of Chairperson for the ICA's Audit and Risk Committee.

Greg holds a Master of Arts Future Studies, is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Company Directors and FINSIA and also attended the CEO Institute at Berkeley and Cornell Universities in the USA.

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**The Margaret River Wine Association** is the peak body for Margaret River grape growers and winemakers. It was established in the late 1970's as the Margaret River Grape Growers & Winemakers Association and was incorporated in 1982.

The MRWA is an independent, non-profit organisation, financed by its members and additional funding sourced from corporate members, sponsorship and grants. MRWA has more than 165 industry members and 50 associated Grape Grower and Commercial members.