

# South Australian Wine Industry Council (SAWIC)

## Information for Prospective Members

### 1. SAWIC Terms of Reference

SAWIC's Terms of Reference are:

1. To provide a forum for discussion and feedback on issues which are important to maintaining South Australia's pre-eminent position in the wine industry, particularly through export market growth, and develop appropriate strategies for Government and/or industry action.
2. To review the impact of various government policies and activities on the wine industry and provide advice to Government as appropriate.
3. To review existing and help formulate new Government initiatives to assist the development of the South Australian wine industry and to recommend new approaches or changes as appropriate.
4. To consider opportunities for improved collaboration between individual Government agencies and between Government and industry that would benefit the growth of the wine industry, eg collaborative marketing initiatives.
5. To consider future infrastructure requirements of the wine industry and develop appropriate industry and/or Government strategies to ensure its cost effective provision.
6. To consider potential synergies between the wine, food and tourism industries in South Australia, so as to identify collaborative approaches for their future growth.
7. To report to the South Australian Government on key issues affecting the wine industry at a national level so that coordinated action can be discussed and to enable the State Government to input into policy deliberations at the Commonwealth level, particularly in regard to the Wine Equalisation Tax.

To consider other matters as appropriate at the request of the Government and/or industry.

## **2. SAWIC Membership**

It is proposed that the SAWIC will comprise over 20 industry members. Its Government members will be:

- Hon Rory McEwen MP (Chair)
- Hon Kevin Owen Foley MP
- Hon Patrick Conlon MP
- Hon Karlene Maywald MP
- Hon Jay Weatherill MP
- Mr Michael O'Brien MP

The following SA Government agencies will be offered observer status on SAWIC:

- Primary Industries and Resources
- Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure
- Department for Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation
- Department for Trade and Economic Development
- South Australian Research and Development Institute

Representatives of the following peak wine industry organisations will also be invited to join SAWIC:

- Wine Australia
- Winemakers Federation Australia
- Wine Grape Growers' Australia
- Wine Industry Suppliers Australia
- South Australian Wine Industry Association
- Wine Grape Council of South Australia

### **3. The Work involved in being a SAWIC member**

SAWIC meets on a quarterly basis, generally on the first Monday of the Month, at Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide between 2-5pm. The tentative meeting dates for 2009 are:

- 2 March 2009
- 1 June 2009
- 31 August 2009
- 30 November 2009

During the last year SAWIC considered a number of wide range of issues of relevance to the SA wine industry, including, vine improvement, wine labeling, disease management, numerous water issues, over-supply, market development and consumer trends.

### **4. Wine: A Partnership 2005 – 2010**

At the request of SAWIC, a joint Partnering Strategy, “Wine: A Partnership 2005 – 2010”, was developed in a response to the industry’s own strategic plans.

“Wine: A Partnership 2005 – 2010” sets out the issues that industry and government as joint partners have agreed to focus on and assigns responsibilities for addressing these. It links the industry’s strategy with the boarder South Australian strategies – SA Strategic Plan and other enabling plans.

“Wine: A Partnership 2005 – 2010” is due to be updated during the course of 2009-2010. A strategic planning process is currently under development. Work in updating the Partnership Agreement may require SAWIC members being involved in:

- ✓ contributing to the collection of strategic information;
- ✓ identifying and categorising industry stakeholders into primary and secondary categories;
- ✓ identifying of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
- ✓ prioritising issues;
- ✓ over-seeing the development of a preferred future;
- ✓ the development of goals, strategies and performance measures to achieve it; and
- ✓ assuring the partnership is continued through the strategic planning process and the document record of its outcome.

## 5. SAWIC Task Groups

SAWIC has developed an operational program to add detailed actions to the broader objectives under the Partnering Strategy. The Operational Program framework contains strategies, actions, responsibilities and indicators for each of the objectives.

Within the Operational Program framework the eight objectives from the Partnering Strategy have been grouped together to form five Focus Streams. Each Focus Stream has a Task Group assigned to it, made up of representatives from relevant government departments and the industry, to address the issues that arise in those areas.

The Operational Programs is driven via the following Task Groups:

- Streamlining Regulatory Services
- Natural Resource Management
- Research Innovation & Technology
- Infrastructure, Logistics, Support and Tourism
- Workforce Development

Members of SAWIC are nominated to these Task Groups, supported by staff from the Grape and Wine Group at PIRSA. Rather than every task group being expected to meet on a regular basis, their work is issue driven and it is usual they meet to address specific issues.

#### **4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

The *Public Sector Management Act 1995 (SA)* requires the disclosure of those interests that may have an impact on a matter being discussed or decided by an advisory body to Government, such as SAWIC.

SAWIC Members are made aware of their duties under the PSM Act through the attached paper entitled "Honesty and Accountability Paper No. 2: Duties of Advisory Body Members" which is a standard inclusion in the Council papers.

It is the responsibility of each member to examine the agenda and meeting papers to determine whether any of the issues listed may encroach upon an interest of the member or their associates and to then advise the Minister in writing of such a conflict. SAWIC members are advised that they should review SAWIC papers for any potential conflicts in the week prior to a meeting.

Should a conflict be noted, members need to seek individual exemptions from the Minister on an issue-by-issue basis should they wish to participate in discussions. Members would need to disclose these conflicts of interest in writing, including any potential conflict of interests, prior to the meeting via the Executive Officer. It would then be at the Minister's discretion as to whether an exemption would be granted or whether they would be excused from the discussion.

It is not necessary for Council members to provide a disclosure of interest in order to sit on the Council.