

Former parliamentary speaker joins Citrus Australia Board

Former Australian parliamentary speaker, Nuffield Scholar and South Australian grower Neil Andrew will join the Citrus Australia board after he was appointed at the company's annual general meeting (AGM) last week (6 November).

Neil will complement the current Board with more than 40 years experience in the citrus industry and extensive experience working across both sides of government.

Speaking at the Citrus Australia AGM in Brisbane, Neil said he is honoured to be elected director of Citrus Australia and will use his government experience to help further progress the industry in key areas, such as biosecurity, market access and food labelling.

"I'm delighted to be elected a director of Citrus Australia. I hope to further strengthen relationships with key influencers on both sides of parliament and add value to key issues that are important to the citrus industry," he said.

"It's important to me that we continue to provide the industry with one voice and work to represent the best interests of all growers.

"I believe the Australian industry has a unique offering to consumers in the Asian markets – high quality and safe fruit. That's our point of difference. We can't compete on cost but we can compete on quality."

Following the AGM the Board re-elected Tania Chapman as Citrus Australia's Chair. Tania welcomed and congratulated Neil on his appointment.

"We look forward to working with Neil in representing the interests of our grower members and ensuring a closer relationship at government level," Ms Chapman said.

"I would also like to thank outgoing directors Neil Offner and Michele Phillips for their tremendous input and guidance over many years."

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