

APAL invites nominations for NSW and Victorian board positions

Peak industry body Apple and Pear Australia Limited (APAL) is inviting NSW and Victorian members to nominate candidates for two positions on its board. The positions will represent apple and pear growers in NSW and Victoria respectively.

APAL Chair Michele Allan said APAL's ownership of the Pink Lady® brand generated valuable international royalties that enabled APAL to rapidly respond to emerging industry needs, to fund valued new services and to advocate on behalf of its members.

"Our directors bring first-hand expertise to our board discussions and inform the strategic priorities the board sets for the business. With domestic and international operations, APAL is a very exciting and dynamic organisation to be a part of," said Michele.

Under APAL's constitution, state-representative positions automatically lapse at the end of their three-year term, triggering the nomination process and the appointment of directors at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November. All six state-representative positions, as well as the director representing pears, renew across a three-year cycle.

"In addition to good governance, the appointment process allows an existing director to renominate or pass the baton on to a new representative from their state. It also encourages the ongoing regeneration of the board's thinking and ideas," said Michele.

"Greg Mouat (NSW) and Kevin Sanders (Victoria) have made significant contributions during their time on the board and are both eligible to renominate for the positions for a further three-year term," said Michele.

APAL's board also includes a director representing pear growers and up to two non-grower director positions which are currently held by [Michele Allan](#) and [Reg Weine](#).

"With our funding we are exploring broader industry needs and services including farm insurance, group procurement as well as business and farm management technology. Our advocacy efforts have delivered solid outcomes for bushfire recovery, netting and have informed state and federal governments' COVID-19 responses," said Michele.

APAL also competes to deliver projects funded by apple and pear grower levies that are collected by the Australian Government and managed by [Hort Innovation](#). APAL is currently delivering the levy-funded Future Orchards® program in partnership with AgFirst, along with the industry's Innovation and Adoption, Communications and Market Access and Export Readiness programs.

All Australian levy paying apple and/or pear enterprises are eligible for membership of APAL and membership is free. Members' nominated representatives can vote at APAL's AGM and are eligible to nominate and be nominated to the board of APAL.

Further information about the board positions and appointment process is available from [APAL's website](#). Members can also discuss their interest with APAL Board Chair Michele Allan or CEO Phil Turnbull.