

Mildura, 4 March 2010

Citrus Australia Ltd holds first AGM and appoints new Chair

Citrus Australia is pleased to announce the results of its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 2 March 2010 in Renmark, South Australia.

Citrus Australia grower members re-elected Mr Kevin Cock and Mr Kevin Parr to serve on the Board.

Following the AGM, the directors appointed Ms Tania Chapman as Chair and Mr Kevin Parr as Deputy Chair.

Tania Chapman, previously the Deputy Chair, is a grower director with experience in citrus and grape growing; holds tertiary qualifications in accounting and business management and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

"I look forward to working with the Board and the industry over the next twelve months on key priorities including biosecurity, market access and development and communication" said Ms Chapman

Ms Chapman applauded outgoing Chair Kelly Jones on successfully taking the company through its first General Meeting and Conference last November as well as its inaugural AGM held this week.

"Kelly has been instrumental in shaping our business bringing a professional and independent approach to our industry" concluded Ms Chapman.

The Board has a rotating schedule of regional forums around the citrus growing areas throughout 2010 and welcome the chance to meet and discuss issues direct with growers.

Upcoming Regional Forums 2010:

Mildura (VIC) - 12 April

Perth (WA) - 10 May

Griffith (NSW) – 12 July

(for updates/more details visit see the Citrus Australia website - www.citrusaustralia.com.au)

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Citrus Australia Ltd is the national peak body for citrus growers. Citrus Australia represents the industry in policy and advocacy, market access and development, regional transitional planning and industry development. The citrus industry in Australia is worth \$440 million and represents the interests of over 2000 citrus growers. It is the largest fresh fruit exporter, with annual export earnings of \$180 million.

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