

WAFIC Board Communiqué No. 3 - 16 December 2014

The last Board meeting of 2014 saw the re-election of Clayton Nelson as WAFIC's Deputy Chair and the appointment of new members of the Resource Access, Finance and Audit and Building Community Support sub-committees.

The caliber and make up of the sub-committees is very important to WAFIC to meet the up-coming challenges to the industry and a formal announcement of the new-look sub-committees will occur in January 15.

During the meeting, the Board formally adopted the strategic plan for 2015 - 2018 which will focus on the four key areas of resource access and industry sustainability; industry and stakeholder communication and engagement; building community support and developing organisational capacity.

Of importance, the Board also noted correspondence with the Fisheries Minister Ken Baston seeking his support to exempt dutiable transactions for business transfers between family members.

This is an exemption that currently applies to members of the farming community and WAFIC believes it should also apply to fishers – many of whom have generational involvement in the state's seafood industry.

Please note that WAFIC's office will close over Christmas and New Year from close of business on 24 December with Staff returning to work on 5 January.

However, should you need to contact WAFIC during this period please contact Alex Ogg who will be acting as Chief Executive Officer. Alex's details are om@wafic.org.au or mobile number 0409 378 225.

The Board's next meeting will be in Fremantle on Tuesday 24 February.

Finally, I wish all members and friends of the Seafood community a safe and happy festive season and a successful new year. I also look forward to working with my Board colleagues, staff and the wider industry to protect and further our interests in 2015.

Regards,



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Chairman

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