

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Australian legend, Lyndey Milan wins prestigious Legend of the Vine Award**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August marked the occasion when food and wine celebrity Lyndey Milan was recognised with Legend status. Another achievement in an already stellar career, Lyndey Milan was named the NSW Legend of the Vine in front of many of her wine industry associates and colleagues at the WCA Sydney Royal Wine Show Trophy Winners Lunch.

True to form, Lyndey was overjoyed and somewhat moved by this recognition of her long-time service in the food and wine industry and as one of Australia's most loved characters in both sectors.

National WCA Chair Toni Carlino said of the announcement, "It gives us great pleasure to present this honour to Lyndey, whose name is synonymous with food and wine in Australia. Lyndey's passion, dedication and commitment, over many years has helped these communities flourish into what they are today."

Lyndey is an Australian gastronomic icon and one of the most recognised food, wine and lifestyle personalities of our time. A multi-award-winning presenter, communicator, author and teacher with a career spanning over 30 years across television, radio and print. The Legend of the Vine Award is in addition to an already extensive list of remarkable achievements including an OAM in 2014.

Lyndey is an active online contributor and publishes on her own website - <https://www.lyndeymilan.com/>

Lyndey is the seventh person to be awarded *Legend of the Vine* status in NSW, and joins a prestigious national list that includes Huon Hooke, Clive Hartley, Iain Riggs, Rob Hirst and David Lowe.

#### **About the Legend of the Vine Award**

The Legend of the Vine Award was first introduced in NSW in 2014, and extends across Victoria and South Australia with annual awards issued in each of these states. The WCA Board and State Chapters select the nominees from each state, with the final winner determined by the WCA National Board.

For further information including images from the annual WCA Sydney Royal Wine Show Lunch, please contact Lynda Schenk, WCA Executive Officer: | 0400 811 002 | [exec@winecommunicators.com.au](mailto:exec@winecommunicators.com.au)

#### **ABOUT WCA**

Wine Communicators of Australia was established as a national not-for-profit company in December 2010 growing out of the well-respected Wine Press Clubs of NSW, Victoria and South Australia. It aims to be Australia's pre-eminent organisation connecting business professionals working with wine and currently has more than 500 members.

WCA's annual program includes networking events, webinars and its prestigious lunches in association with three major capital city wine shows – Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. It also runs the annual Wine Communicator Awards and Legend of the Vine Awards.