

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Australian Shareholders' Association Board Rejuvenated with New Appointments - Incoming Chair and Director Commence in March 2022

Thursday, 10 March - As previously announced Allan Goldin resigned on 4 March. Australian Shareholders' Association (ASA), a leading authority and community for Australian investors, is delighted to announce it has rejuvenated its Board with the appointment of Steven Mabb as Board Chair and Julieanne Ranford Mills as Director.

### **ASA farewells former Board Chair Allan Goldin**

Steven Mabb will transition to the role as Board Chair following a three-year tenure from Allan Goldin. ASA wishes to formally thank Allan Goldin for his commitment and service to our organisation in his time as Chair and recognise the positive impact he has made on ASA. Over the last three years, Allan has steered the Association and led the Board through multiple COVID-19 lockdowns and changes in leadership. He has worked with the team to set a new direction for ASA and put it on the pathway to success. Allan has given thousands of volunteer hours to the Association over 12 years, and we thank him for his significant contribution.

### **ASA** welcomes new Board Chair and Director

Both Steven and Julieanne commenced in their new Board roles on 4 March 2022 and are existing active ASA members.

Steven has been a member of the ASA since 2017. He joined the Board in 2020 and has achieved significant success in the private sector. As a successful entrepreneur Steven helped develop and launch the Vionic footwear brand with his business partners in the U.S., which went on to become a top 20 brand and was subsequently sold to a large U.S.-listed company in 2018. He then returned to Queensland with his young family to become a full time, committed investor and quickly joined the ASA after discovering the many benefits it could offer.

Julieanne has been a member of the ASA since 2017 and a company monitor since 2019. She is an experienced long-term investor who believes in good governance and investing for the future in a rapidly changing world.

**Former Chair Allan Goldin:** "It has been an honour to serve ASA as Chair for three years and represent our members as the voice of retail shareholders in Australia. Despite the headwinds of the last two years, we have made tremendous progress on our strategic initiatives and well placed to capture the opportunities ahead. Australia now has a record amount of retail investors, and the Association has never been of more importance. I welcome Steven into the role as new Board Chair and welcome Julianne as a Director. I am looking forward to remaining an active member in ASA's community."



**New Chair Steven Mabb:** "I am excited and honoured to step into the Chair role and looking forward to working with the whole ASA community, the Board, State Chairs, convenors, monitors, members, and its CEO, Rachel Waterhouse. I thank Allan for his service to ASA and the growth he has overseen throughout his tenure on the Board. My vision is to progress the organisation's strategy and provide even better education and advocacy for all our members as well as bring many more retail investors into the ASA community in the years ahead."

Julieanne Ranford Mills: "My experience as a member of ASA has given me an enormous respect for the contributions, skills, and experience reflected in the membership, especially the volunteers, and the value and integrity of the ASA as an educator and advocate for retail shareholders. I believe key challenges for investors now are sustainability and governance and look forward to contributing to these areas and more as a Director of ASA.

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The Australian Shareholders' Association (ASA) educates investors and gives retail shareholders a voice. It is Australia's largest, independent, not-for-profit individual investor association. ASA is passionate about keeping the market fair for the everyday, independent investor, and has been doing just that since 1960. ASA provides members with a community of experienced investors and shareholders. Members can further their investment knowledge through the annual conference, webinars, podcasts, magazines, monthly meetings, and discussion groups (including in regional areas), seminars, workshops and more.

ASA's mission is to:

- Protect shareholders' rights
- Make individual shareholders' vote count
- Help individual investors on their investment journey
- Connect people to a community of investors

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### **Steven Mabb GAICD**

Steven was appointed to the board on 16 June 2020 and is a member of the Education Committee, the Remuneration & Nominations Committee and the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee. A successful entrepreneur, in 2007, he helped develop and launch the Vionic footwear brand with his business partners in the U.S., which went on to become a top 20 brand and was subsequently sold to a large U.S. listed company in 2018. He then returned to Queensland with his young family to become a full time, committed investor and quickly joined the ASA after discovering the many benefits it could offer. He is a graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors Company Directors Course.

Since joining ASA he has given many member presentations, contributed to EQUITY and ASA podcasts, and is an active member of the Queensland company monitoring team. He brings a range of skills to the board, including strategic planning and ways to develop culture. He is also a confident spokesperson on the benefits ASA can provide to potential members and is passionate about progressing the quality of education and advocacy support ASA will provide members going forward. He has been the most recent Queensland State Chair and is now handing over the role, in order to focus on Chairing the ASA Board moving forward. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has also completed further educational courses at AICD, including The Role of the Chair and Governance Foundations for Not for Profit Directors.

### Julieanne Ranford Mills GAICD

Julieanne joined the board in 2022 and has been a member of the ASA since 2017 and a company monitor since 2019. She is an experienced long-term investor who believes in good governance and investing for the future in a rapidly changing world.

A graduate and continuing member of the AICD, Julieanne brings to the board a retail investor perspective, an understanding of good corporate governance, a continuing interest in organisational strategy, risk and opportunity, and an interest and passion for ethical and sustainable investing. Her background in the design and creative industries brings creative thinking, design skills and diversity to the board. She is married with two sons in their twenties.

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