

## 2023 Candidates

### Mr. Marc Barnes



Marc is highly motivated, result-driven, and internationally accomplished business leader with innate commercial acumen, he can track his success back to growing up in an entrepreneurial family in rural Tasmania.

Within that environment I was primed from a young age to manage the family business, building strong foundations as a proactive, goal-oriented professional, subsequently within the food and beverage sector, achieving tangible results and driving sustainable growth and profitability whilst managing risk for multiple enterprises throughout my career.

Outgoing and engaging, I am recognised for being passionately outcomes focussed, dedicated to delivering successful, intended outcomes, and

ability to get people onboard, building momentum through inspiring individuals, teams, colleagues, and associates.

I enjoy and have a strong track record of engaging across all levels of an organisation building collaborative, high performing, multi-functional teams that exceed business targets and are aligned to a company's values.

My 20 years of experience in food safety assurance and 8 years as managing director of BSI Group has given me a wealth of experience and knowledge. This experience has helped shape best practice standards to enable an organisation with the discipline and mechanisms for compliance and continuous improvement.

Key to this success has been leading and coaching employees, senior leadership, and business owners to deliver beyond expectations within often complex global matrix environments, and establishing a culture committed to sales and organisational growth (organic and M&A), durable stakeholder relationships and delivery of exceptional client service.

Marc currently runs his own management consultancy Flinders Lane Advisory, is a member of the AICD and has previously held senior roles at British Standards Institute, NATA Certification Services, St Vincent's & Mercy Private Hospital and Sheraton Hotels.

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## Gregory Harper PhD



Gregory is a biological scientist who focusses on the translation of scientific discoveries into commercial, environmental, and social benefits. He is a senior manager in the University of Melbourne and Director of Business Development in the Faculty of Science.

He is currently a member of the University's professional staff, and he has been senior academic staff, as well as management and governance staff in other contexts. Adaptability has been a key attribute of his career. He also sees himself as an engaged global citizen.

Gregory has spent his career in the global R&D community and has expertise in management and governance of public and private R&D funds. The agrifood innovation system has been a particular focus, and this probably has its roots in his childhood, when his parents ran a suburban meat retailing business in Brisbane.

He has worked in five countries and for multiple Australian innovation system actors. His partnership building experience includes Australian R&D organisations; urban and regional universities; international universities; international public entities; and small, focussed service organisations.

Gregory holds multiple Fellowships and was very proud to become a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology in 2022. His work has been recognised internationally through the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals as an RTTP.

Gregory is very much looking forward to helping guide the AIFST and its members into the future as a member of the board.

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## Dr Heather Haines



Heather has a strong applied science background, having spent more than 35 years as a microbiologist. She has worked in the areas of (human) diagnostic microbiology, education and training, food safety research and food safety policy. While working in the Food Safety Unit of the Victorian Department of Health, she managed projects to deliver tools for food businesses and staff to improve food hygiene, to improve the Victorian government food surveillance activities, and contribute to national initiatives on food surveillance and food safety research. Examples include the first version of the free online food safety learning tool 'Dofoodsafely' and a food surveillance app which is used by many local government officers in Victoria. Latterly her role, and that of her team, at the department was to analyse proposed amendments to the Australia New Zealand Food

Standards Code, then brief to and support senior officers and representatives of the Food Ministers' Meeting in their deliberations on these amendments, with the imperative of protecting the health and safety of consumers.

Heather completed a Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Medical Laboratory Sciences) and later a Master of Applied Science (Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology – Food Stream) at RMIT. Her PhD studies were undertaken at the University of Tasmania, supported by scholarships from Meat and Livestock Australia (through Mintrac) and the (then) Department of Agriculture. She has been a longstanding Professional Member of AIFST, involving periods on both the Victorian and Tasmanian Committees, and is a member and previously a Victorian committee member of Australian Society for Microbiology. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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