

# Media Release



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## **Mr Noel Campbell to lead Australian Dairy Farmers**

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The Australian Dairy Farmers' Board and National Council today elected a new Chairman, Mr Noel Campbell. The outgoing Chairman Mr Chris Griffin announced earlier this month that he was not seeking re-election after a year in the role.

Mr Campbell is a dairy farmer from Yannathan in south east Victoria and has been a Director of Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) since 2007. He is the current Chair of the ADF Markets, Trade & Value Chain Policy Advisory Group (PAG). Noel has a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering and is a Fellow Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The Board, along with the National Council and CEO commended Chris Griffin on his significant contribution to the Australian dairy industry over many years and in various roles including his year as Australian Dairy Farmers President and Chair. Mr Griffin will remain as a Director of ADF.

Immediately following his election to the Chair, Mr Campbell told the Australian Dairy Farmers Board and National Council "My aim is to focus on the outcomes that we and all dairy farmers need. A key role of Australian Dairy Farmers is to advocate for the removal of barriers to profitable and sustainable dairy farm businesses and that all dairy farmers are treated respectfully.

ADF, the State Dairy Farmer Organisations, Dairy Australia and the Regional Development Programs need to work closely together, understand each other's role in the industry and work collaboratively for the best results. Those who know me will be aware that I always push for industry co-operation as I believe this will produce better outcomes for everyone."

Earlier today, Australian Dairy Farmers Limited has their first Annual General Meeting under the new constitution that was voted in by members in August this year.

State Members, Business Members and invited guests heard from Chris Griffin, outgoing President and Natalie Collard, CEO about the year in review.

Mr Roger Swain was re-elected as a Business Director for a further three years. The appointment of Dr Anne Astin as Independent Director in August 2012, was also ratified.

The Australian Dairy Farmers Board comprises Mr Noel Campbell, Mr Peter Evans, Mr Chris Griffin, Mr Roger Swain and Dr Anne Astin.

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