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## Media Release

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### ***Dairy industry honours the late Niel Black***

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The dairy industry's national peak policy body, the Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC), today honoured the late Mr Niel Black at its Annual Dairy Industry Leader's Breakfast, held at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne.

"We only wish Niel was still with us today to accept this award himself. However, we take solace in his excitement in learning of his achievement only four days before his tragic accident" said ADIC Incoming Chair Noel Campbell.

Niel is survived by his wife Eve, who accepted the Award on Niel's behalf, and was supported by their family and close friends.

Mr Black was a pioneer of herd improvement in Australia, a founding partner of DemoDAIRY research centre in Terang Victoria, President of the Noorat Show committee and a long time advocate and supporter of United Dairy Farmers of Victoria.

Mr Campbell said "Niel has made an enormous impact on the dairy industry, he has implemented innovation and change, improved process by sharing knowledge and has left a lasting legacy.

His personal style was one of modesty and quiet achievement. He was active on farm and within an industry that he helped to shape during the span of his farming life".

"Niel was a fast learner and a great teacher, his generosity in sharing knowledge with newcomers was a renowned trait of his. His list of achievements within the industry and outside of it were vast to say the least" said Mr Campbell.

The Outstanding Service Award recognises and celebrates collaborative leadership provided to the Australian dairy industry. The award honours individual Australians who, through their leadership, dedication and commitment, have provided outstanding service for the benefit of the entire industry.

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