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David Basham elected as ADF President

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Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) has re-elected David Basham as the President of the peak policy body providing collective representation for dairy farmers in Australia.

Bringing over 11 years' representative experience to the role, the former President of South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association (SADA) was instrumental in the development of a new brand of fresh milk, SADA Fresh, being sold in one of his state's major retail supermarkets to generate funds for SA industry development.

David Basham operates a 380-cow dairy farm with his wife, Kate and two daughters. Their property is located in Mount Compass, on the Fleurieu Peninsular in South Australia. David's family has been milking cows for more than 165 years.

David first took a position on the ADF board from August 2005 to 2012, and re-joined the board in November 2014. David has been the Acting President since May 2016.

Earlier in the day, at the ADF Annual General Meeting, State Members, Business Members and invited guests heard from interim CEO, John McQueen about the year in review.

"We are pleased with the achievements made this year and we look forward to continuing to deliver on our policy priorities to help deliver a more profitable and sustainable industry in the long-term.

It has been an honour to discuss Australian Dairy Farmers' ongoing efforts and to advocate at a national level on your behalf," said Mr McQueen.

We would also like to extend our warmest thanks to the outgoing Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) Deputy Chair, Robert Poole, for his six years of hard work and to welcome the new ADIC Deputy Chairman, Grant Crothers," said Mr Basham.

Grant has spent his career in food marketing and manufacturing with a heavy bias toward the dairy industry. He is currently CEO and Managing Director of Burra Foods.

The ADF Board is comprised of four farmer directors David Basham, Simone Jolliffe, Tyran Jones, and Terry Richardson, and one independent director, Dr Deedee Woodside.

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Australian Dairy Farmers Limited (ADF) is a not-for-profit organisation representing the interests of Australian dairy farmers. We are a strong collective voice to Government and the community on national issues affecting dairy farmers and their profitability.

The ADF has a long history of successfully lobbying for the rights of dairy farmers on many fronts – including trade, value chain, water, carbon and animal health and welfare issues.