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**Announcement of new Australian Dairy Farmers board members**

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PEAK dairy farmer group Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) today announced South Australian farmer Rick Gladigau has been elected to a three-year appointment to its five-member board, while independent director Victoria Taylor was re-elected for a two-year term.

Mr Gladigau has been a board member of state dairy farmer organisation South Australian Dairyfarmers Association (SADA) since 2007 and is currently the organisation's treasurer. He also sits on the National Farmers' Federation's Trade Committee and the ADF Markets, Trade and Value Chain Policy Advisory Group.

Previously, Mr Gladigau was a South Australian representative on the Dairy Farmers Co-operative Board from 2013-2016 and was chair of the company's milk pricing committee during his tenure.

Victoria Taylor is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' Company Directors Course and former Executive Director of the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia and now owns a business that provides strategic policy and communications support to clients in primary industries. She is a ministerial appointment to the Rice Marketing Board for the State of NSW and an Independent Director of the Safety Institute of Australia.

ADF President Terry Richardson welcomed the appointments of Mr Gladigau and Ms Taylor.

"I am pleased to announce Rick as a new appointee to the ADF Board," Mr Richardson said.

"Both Rick and Victoria bring a wealth of experience to ADF and on behalf of the Board, I look forward to working with them as ADF continues to advocate on behalf of dairy farmers."

Mr Gladigau will replace retiring ADF Board member and former ADF President Simone Jolliffe, who is stepping down after six years on the board of the dairy advocacy group.

Mr Richardson praised Ms Jolliffe's contribution to the industry during her tenure on the ADF Board.

"I am grateful for Simone's dedication and commitment to ADF and the broader dairy industry over the past six years" Mr Richardson said.

"Simone has played an integral role in guiding ADF through a busy time in the Australian dairy industry."

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