

Media Release

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New Chairman for Murray Dairy

Murray Dairy is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Richard (Rick) Cross as the new Murray Dairy Board Chairman.

Mr Cross has been appointed to the role following the decision of Mr Malcolm Holm to step down as chairman at the recent September Board meeting, given his term was nearing conclusion.

Mr Holm said “As a current Board Member of Murray Dairy, Mr Cross steps into this role with wealth of experience and considerable knowledge from which to draw on. Mr Cross has a strong dairy heritage and a continuous significant involvement within the industry, particularly currently as both as a Director at Bega Cheese and a Board Member at Murray Dairy.”

Rick has a strong commitment to the region and under his Chairmanship will see Murray Dairy as an organisation that continues to focus on delivering programs of a high standard to the regions dairy farmers and broader industry” Mr Holm concluded.

Mr Cross and his family are the owner/managers of the family’s Toolamba dairy farm, paired with his extensive past experience as Director at Tatura Milk Industries (TMI) and his current role as a Director at Bega Cheese, this all adds to a skill set that will richly support Murray Dairy.

While at TMI, Mr Cross has played an instrumental role in leading fellow directors in merger discussions with Bega Cheese. This advancement has had an ongoing positive impact across the whole of the industry and is considered to be a noteworthy achievement.

Mr Cross said “The Murray Dairy region is a major contributor to Australia’s overall milk production. Murray Dairy itself plays a pivotal role in maintaining the sustainability and continued profitable growth for dairy farmers in the region and I am looking forward to assisting the organisation in continuing to achieving that,”

“I would like to thank Malcolm for his strong leadership and commitment to Murray Dairy during his term as Chairman, as a result the organisation sits fully resourced and capable to deliver the current and future needs and wants of our industry. Murray Dairy is in the early stages of a major new project, Accelerating Change. Malcolm was a major driving force behind the realisation of that project.”

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