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AUSTRALIAN PORK INDUSTRY ELECTS NEW DIRECTOR

Australian Pork Limited (APL) has hosted its 2016 Delegates forum, Annual Conference and Annual General meeting this week after a positive year for the industry.

APL Chairman Mr Enzo Allara says this week has been important for industry representatives to come together to discuss major issues, achievements and opportunities for the future.

This was the first meeting for the recently elected Delegates who will be representing the industry for the next three years. A key highlight was the APL AGM and the election of directors for the next year.

'We have voted on directors and received updates on how major industry initiatives have progressed since the last time we met. These events are a great opportunity for industry participants to voice their opinion and get all the latest information,' Mr Allara said.

After today's AGM, APL is pleased to announce the election of Ms Edwina Beveridge, and the re-election of Mr Andrew Johnson, by the largest delegate group in APL's history.

While Ms Beveridge has been an APL Delegate for the past three years, this will be her first year on the APL board, a position she is keen to get started in.

'We work in such a complex environment, and I have faced so many challenges over the past few years, learnings that will assist in representing the industry on the APL Board. It is important that we learn and grow as an industry, she said.

Mr Johnson will be returning for his 7th year on the APL board.

'It's important to make sure we are moving forward as an industry, I'm excited to be a part of ensuring the future is prosperous,' Mr Johnson said.

On behalf of the Australian pork industry, APL thanks Mr Kingma for his enormous and valuable contribution to the industry for the past 12 years.

Mr Allara said enthusiasm for the industry is critical to delivering further growth, profitability and value to our stakeholders.

'Mrs Beveridge is a very experienced and capable industry participant and will be a great addition to the board,' Mr Allara said.

Mrs Kathy Grigg was re-appointed for a further term, as an APL Specialist Director.

Dr Brian Luxford, Mr David Plant, Mr Rod Hamann, Mrs Kay Carey and Mr Geoffrey Starr remain on the board, with Mr Enzo Allara remaining the chairman.

APL is responsible for enhancing opportunities for the sustainable growth of the Australian pork industry by delivering integrated marketing, innovation and policy services through the pork industry supply chain.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Edwina Beveridge

Elected Director

My business skills as an accountant and my agricultural background have combined to give me the skills to drive a successful pig farming & farming enterprise. I am proud of where our farm is in terms of production, technology adoption and sustainability.

I have significant industry involvement through the NSW Farmers Pork Committee, representing other farmers as an APL delegate and a member of the NSW Primary Industries Ministerial Advisory Committee.

I have worked fulltime in pig production since 2000 & operated our own business with my husband since 2007. My training is financial; I have a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney and am qualified as a Chartered Accountant. I also recently completed the Australian Institute of Company Director's course and received a pass with Order of Merit.

Mr Andrew Johnson

Elected director

Mr Johnson is currently co-owner/manager of Mt Boothby Pastoral Company, a mixed family farming operation comprising pork production farrow to finish, along with beef, lamb, wool, seed and mixed cropping in the southeast region of South Australia. Mr Johnson, a 2005 Nuffield Scholar, has just completed his term as Chairman of Nuffield Australia and remains a Director, and also Director of Nuffield International and the Smart Group family business. Mr Johnson is an APL Delegate who enjoys the challenges and opportunities of family farming businesses. He is Deputy Chairman of Pork SA, Chairs the APL Board Quality Assurance and Animal Welfare Committee, the National Livestock Identification System Advisory Group and the 2018 PPPE. Andrew has completed the Australian Institute of Company of Directors course.