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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE RICE MARKETING BOARD FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Rice Marketing Board

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The Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales (RMBNSW) today announced a number of new appointments.

Two new board members, Donna Rygate and Rowan McMonnies, have been appointed as nominated members by the Minister for Agriculture, Hon Dugald Saunders MP.

Donna Rygate has a wealth of experience as chair or member of various Boards, statutory bodies, planning panels, and audit and risk committees (in Commonwealth, state, and local government spheres).

Donna was previously Chief Executive of Local Government NSW and before that worked in chief and senior executive, policy, communications, governance and operational roles in the NSW public sector for more than 25 years including as Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Office of Communities.

In 1988 Donna became a partner in the Canowindra farming and grazing property that has been in her family for more than 130 years.

Donna has a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) in Government and Public Administration from the University of Sydney and a Masters in Planning from the University of Technology, Sydney. She is currently enrolled in the Juris Doctor program at Macquarie University. Donna was made a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration in 2012. She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Rowan McMonnies is an experienced director in the agriculture sector and has connections to the sector through family farming in the Riverina.

Rowan has a legal and compliance background with a focus on advising agriculture businesses and peak bodies on competition and regulation issues. Rowan is the Managing Director of Australian Eggs, the research and development corporation for the egg industry, and has deep experience in the marketing of agricultural commodities, research and development and stakeholder engagement.

Rowan has a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Technology, Sydney, a Graduate Certificate of Legal Practice, from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Masters of Commerce from the University of Sydney. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The RMBNSW will also welcome **Dr Scott Glyde** as General Manager, a new role designed to add stakeholder engagement and policy capability to the Board. With a Riverina farming background, Scott is a senior executive with experience across irrigated agriculture, including the rice industry. He is currently Head of Agribusiness at TAFE NSW, overseeing delivery of agricultural vocational education programs, and was previously a Senior Lecturer at Charles Sturt University and Agribusiness Director at the Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre. Between 2003-2005, Scott was Chief Executive of Southern Riverina Irrigation District Council (now SRI) and prior to that held senior executive functions in commercial agribusiness and natural resource management organisations. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) from the University of New England and completed a PhD at Charles Sturt University examining applications of artificial intelligence and decision support to farm management and decision making. Scott will commence at RMBNSW on 4 October 2022.

The RMBNSW has also welcomed a new Board Secretary, **Nyree Dunn** after the retirement of Carol Chiswell. Nyree has over 25 years experience in financial management, internal audit, information services and operations, most recently with CopRice in Leeton. Nyree is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and a Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) from the Australian National University.

Former RMBNSW Chair, **John Culleton** reached his term limit at the beginning of August and retired from the Board. **Victoria Taylor** was elected interim Chair until the AGM in November 2022, after which the Board will elect the Chair. Nominated Member, **Barbara Clark** is interim Deputy Chair.

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