



# BOARD MEETING MEMBER UPDATE

Held on 30 November 2022

## Board Matters

- 1. Strategic Plan 2022-2025 endorsed:** The board endorsed an updated strategic plan for the TFGA, which will be made available in the next few weeks. This is a milestone for the TFGA as we continue to focus on growing the business to ensure we represent and remain relevant to our current members and the next generation of farmers. We will also be presenting KPIs of the organisation's performance at the AGM
- 2. Annual General Meeting (29 March 2023):** Arrangements for the 2023 Annual General Meeting were confirmed, which will be held on the 29 March 2023 at 10:30 at the Door of Hope in Launceston. The TFGA will call for nominations for Board Directors from members who are interested in standing for election to the Board at the AGM.
- 3. New committee structure:** Resolved to have final proposed new committee structure ready to be voted on by members at the AGM. The board will be advertising for a sustainability committee chair in the coming weeks; if you know of or are interested, please keep an eye out.
- 5. Appointment of the new Independent Director:** Following a detailed recruitment process, the Board was pleased to endorse the appointment of Mr Phil Hoggett to the Board as an independent director. Mr Hoggett brings significant commercial and financial experience to the Board and is currently the Group Executive of Commercial & Trade at TasPorts.
- 6. Industry issues:** There were discussions on compulsory land acquisition, Island shipping issues, forest practices, energy prices, and a national process for dealing with respectful engagement with farmers on public benefit projects.
- 7. 2023 Annual Budget approved:** The annual budget for 2023 was approved, with a continued focus on balancing the long-term sustainability of the TFGA and ensuring we have appropriate resources to continue to advocate on behalf of members. This will also involve continuing to look for external projects that add value to our members and are aligned with the new strategic plan. The board have a focus on investing in the business to make the organisation more relevant, and increase participation and membership
- 8. Progressing the Longford building:** The Board approved concept plans for renovating the new TFGA office at Longford. Ensuring this project progresses smoothly, giving TFGA a new home within the rural community, will be a key focus of the Board in 2023.
- 9. 2023 Membership Fees** – the Board endorsed no change to membership fees from the 2022 year.
- 10. Strategic Engagement** – As part of a suite of broader engagement activities in the new year and a continued strategic focus on the dairy industry, the Board has identified a dairy forum in the North-East, building on similar events during 2022. More details will be provided as planning is progressed by the TFGA team.
- 11. The board welcomed Grayson Genders**, now the Communications and Engagement Manager. Grayson will lead our communication and engagement activity across the organisation and with key stakeholders.