



TFGA SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE TO MEMBERS

Board Matters

- 1. Renewed NFF / TFGA Horticultural MoU:** The board endorsed the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) regarding horticultural matters.
- 2. Board Mentoring:** The board endorsed the concept of a board mentoring program to attract younger farmers into agriculture and agro politics, which will help with the continuous development of younger members to be involved with TFGA.
- 3. Dry Season Discussion:** The board engaged in discussion regarding the ongoing dry season, the board were briefed on discussions with the Minister for Ag and her department and endorsed a Dry Season Guide developed by staff to be made available to members this week.
- 4. Rural Youth collaboration** - The board received updates on this initiative, which will see 2 rural youth rising stars mentored by TFGA for 12 months. This is a new initiative between the 2 organisations, a launch of the program will be soon.
- 5. Longford Building Progress:** The board received an update on the Longford building project. We are pleased to report that the renovations are on time and on budget.
- 6. Financial Update:** The Audit and Risk Chair gave a financial report that shows our finances remain in good shape and are currently exceeding budget expectations.
- 7. Potato Fund Discussion:** The board have asked the Potato fund concept be finalised in conjunction with the TFGA potato committee.
- 8. Regional Meeting** - Central Coast: The board endorsed the next members engagement meeting be in the Central Coast in coming months the focus will be on listening to members issues and engaging with younger members.
- 9. Education and Training Policy:** The board endorsed the development of an education and training policy. This policy by working with others in the ag industry to enhance the skills and knowledge of young farmers to help provide clear career pathways in the agriculture sector.
10. The board agreed to make issues around the Marinus Link development a priority.
- 11. Freight Equalisation:** The board discussed the Freight Equalisation scheme and the need for a review it was agreed to sponsor a meeting of the ag food chain to develop a policy to be submitted to the federal government.
- 12. New Staff Members:** We are pleased to welcome three new staff members to our team. Their expertise and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of our organisation.