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Victorian dairy farmer to head prestigious agricultural organisation

Leading farming scholarships organisation, Nuffield Australia, has appointed Kyabram dairy farmer Terry Hehir as chairman for a three-year term.

Terry and his wife Pauline are dairy farmers in northern Victoria, milking 680 dairy cows at Wyuna, near Kyabram in the irrigated Goulburn Valley.

He says taking over the reins of Nuffield Australia from Liverpool Plains graingrower David Brownhill is an exciting opportunity.

“I regard Nuffield as the world’s pre-eminent agricultural scholarship organisation – it has given me and many others the opportunity to study overseas and bring valuable research home.”

Terry completed his Nuffield Scholarship in 1994, studying high input dairy farming systems, focusing on nutrients and nutrition as well as the public face of agriculture.

He says the organisation has expanded greatly in recent years and believes the next three years will continue to be an exciting time for Nuffield.

“We have evolved from 11 scholars in 2004 to 18 recently being selected for 2011, so it’s a growing organisation.”

“I believe Nuffield Australia plays a huge role in growing the knowledge base of Australian agriculture and this will only increase.”

Terry was Victorian Nuffield state chairman in 2000 before being appointed to the national board in 2009.

Other roles in industry include being inaugural chair of the Organic DairyFarmers of Australia co-operative, a trustee of the Organic Federation of Australia, director of Australian Dairy Conference (inaugural chair) and deputy chair of Global Dairy Farmers.

Nuffield Australia is an organisation which provides an opportunity to Australian farmers to travel overseas on an agricultural research scholarship. It is a 16 week program which consists of both group and individual travel. The next group will be travelling through New Zealand, North America, Brazil, Mexico and France, departing in March.

Scholarship applications close in June of each year – for more information please visit www.nuffield.com.au

Terry is available for interviews:

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