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The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland

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RNA Council strengthened with two new appointments

Tim Fairfax and Tony Carew have been elected Councillors of The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA).

RNA President Vivian Edwards welcomed Mr Fairfax and Mr Carew to the Council and said they would be extremely valuable contributors to the RNA.

"As a senior member of Australia and Queensland's rural and business communities for almost 30 years, Mr Fairfax has carved out an enviable reputation for himself as a director and board member of integrity and intelligence. We look forward to him playing an integral role in the RNA's ongoing success," said Dr Edwards.

"A past competitor and honorary steward at the Ekka, Mr Carew has a long association with the RNA and his background in government and human resource management means he will bring a wealth of experience to the Council and RNA, particularly in the areas of government relations and people strategies," he said.

The RNA promotes and encourages the development of the agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, industrial, manufacturing and cultural resources of the State of Queensland.

The RNA Council comprises 21 Councillors who represent approximately 5000 RNA members located throughout Queensland and Australia.

Tim Fairfax AM, RNA Councillor

Mr Fairfax has pastoral properties involved in fine wool, beef and grain production at Monto, Moura, Blackall, and Clermont in Queensland and Glenn Innes in New South Wales.

He is committed to improving the sustainability of rural and regional Australia and guiding young men and women to lead the sector into the future as demonstrated by his role as Deputy Chairman of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation and board member of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

With strong experience and interest in the Australian cultural scene he is also a trustee of the Queensland Art Gallery, treasurer of the Art Gallery Foundation, and sits on the board of the National Portrait Gallery, Canberra. Mr Fairfax is also a director of Rural Press Ltd, Marinya Media Pty Ltd, Brickworks Ltd, and Cambooya Pty Ltd, and Deputy Chancellor of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Tony Carew, RNA Councillor

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Mr Carew's association with the RNA commenced in the early 80s when he competed in its signature event, the Ekka, in the heavy harness area. After competing for a number

of years he became an honorary steward in the Hack Ring and helped with the show's day and night programs.

He is currently a senior adviser in human resource management for the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and previously held roles with Queensland Police and the Department of Corrective Services.

He will draw on his extensive knowledge of Queensland and diverse background in hospitality, health and safety, and project management to help grow the RNA Showground's appeal and cement its position as a vibrant destination with leading educational and event facilities for Brisbane.

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