



## Media Release

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### Emma Germano elected Vice President

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is pleased to announce that Ms Emma Germano has been elected today as the organisation's Vice President, following the Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne.

Ms Germano is a third generation horticulture and mixed farmer from South Gippsland, a Nuffield Scholar, and she has served as the VFF Horticulture Group President since 2017.

"Following the election, I am pleased to confirm that Ms Emma Germano has been elected as the new VFF Vice President," said Mr Stephen Sheridan, VFF Chief Executive Officer and Returning Officer.

"It is my great pleasure to congratulate Emma on her appointment as Vice President," said Mr David Jochinke, VFF President.

"I am confident that Emma's skills and passion have prepared her to effectively serve Victorian farmers in this new role.

"2019 is going to be a year of strong advocacy and action for the VFF. We will be pursuing a rates review, supporting farmers through the drought, engaging in the federal election when it is announced, and holding the Victorian Government to account to deliver for agriculture," said Mr Jochinke.

"It is a great honour to be elected today as Vice President," said Ms Emma Germano, newly elected VFF Vice President.

"I look forward to working with all members of the VFF to achieve great outcomes for members. In particular, to share and build trust with our communities and consumers, and to ensure a greater appreciation of the valuable role Victorian farmers play in our lives," said Ms Germano.

A full biography of Ms Germano can be found below.

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#### About the VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is dedicated to representing the interests of farmers and making a positive difference to their businesses and communities. We strive to create an environment for our members, our farmers, that enables profitable, safe, sustainable production to ensure an enduring social licence in a community that respects and values the sector.

## **Emma Germano** **VFF Vice President**



Emma Germano hails from Mirboo North, where she is Managing Director of her family mixed operation I Love Farms. On Gippsland's fertile red soils the Germano family grows fresh vegetables for local and export markets, as well as running sheep and beef cattle. I Love Farms has a firm focus on sustainability and strives to connect consumers with Australian farmers to increase community understanding of food and fibre production.

Emma is the current VFF Horticulture Group President and President of the VFF Industrial Association. She also sits on the Vegetable Industry Market and Value Chain Strategic Investment Advisory Panel and has previously held tenure on the Victorian Vegetable Growers Executive Committee and as the VFF Horticulture Group Vice-President. Emma is also a Nuffield Scholar (2014), with her research examining global export opportunities for Australian primary producers.