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WestVic Dairy Chair vacancy filled

Deans Marsh dairy farmer Leighton Hart has taken the top position on the WestVic Dairy Board.

Mr Hart was elected yesterday, after the position became vacant through Mrs Lisa Dwyer's election to the Dairy Australia Board.

Mr Hart runs a dairy farm with his wife Karen and has been part of the WestVic Dairy Board for over three years, serving as Vice Chairman since 2013.

Mr Hart said he felt humbled and honoured by the opportunity to be Chairman.

"Lisa Dwyer did a fantastic job as Chairman; I have big shoes to fill," he said.

"I feel a real a sense of duty to represent farmers from the Western District and I want to make sure their levy money is spent in areas that most benefit their farm businesses.

"We need to all work together to make our industry sustainable and profitable into the future."

Executive Officer of WestVic Dairy Paula Doran said the position was in capable hands with Mr Hart.

"Mr Hart has been a staple part of our organisation for a number of years now and has consistently demonstrated his passion for the industry," she said.

"These are exciting times ahead not only for the region as a whole but for WestVic Dairy."

Board members and dairy farmers, Karinjeet Singh-Mahil and Simone Renyard will be sharing the position of Vice Chairman.

WestVic Dairy is a not for profit regional development program (RDP) led by western Victorian dairy farmers. WestVic Dairy is funded by Dairy Australia and the Dairy Service levy, and supported by regional stakeholders.

A high res picture of Leighton Hart with his family is available on request.

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