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**SAMRC appoints a Regional Chair for Central Victoria and Producer Committee Members in Victoria and New South Wales.**

The Southern Australia Meat Research Council (SAMRC) has appointed a new Regional Chair for its Central Victoria Regional Committee and has filled Producer Committee Member positions in Victoria and New South Wales.

Julian Carroll, a fourth generation farmer from Mudgegonga in Victoria's North East, has been appointed Regional Chair for the Central Victoria Committee. Julian has been a Committee Member on the Central Victoria Committee since its establishment in 2015 and will replace Hannah Marriott in the Chair role.

SAMRC Chair, Angus Hobson, said the appointment of Mr Carroll follows an extensive selection and appointment process.

"We are very pleased to have Julian join our team of Regional Chairs, especially given the experience he brings having served on the Central Victoria Committee for nearly three years" Mr Hobson said.

"Julian has a strong technology background and returned home to take over management of the family farm where he established a seed-stock enterprise. His role as Farm Smart Project Officer for TAFCO, a co-operative farm supplies business servicing the Ovens, King and Kiewa Valleys, allows Julian to design and implement extension activities that promote sustainable farming practices."

In accepting his appointment to the SAMRC Regional Chair position, Mr Carroll said "I have had the advantage of working in other industries and have returned to agriculture with the benefit of fresh eyes. I am now more questioning in my approach to farming."

"The skills and experience that Julian brings to the regional role will be a valuable addition to the leadership capacity within SAMRC. His appointment will ensure SAMRC can continue to build a focus on R&D and extension/adoption issues in the region. His experience in IT will be of great benefit to the SAMRC Council" Mr Hobson concluded.

As part of the recruitment process, vacant Producer Committee Member positions were filled in the Western Victoria, Northern NSW and Central and Western NSW Regional Committees. The Producer Committee positions are paramount to the success of SAMRC and the setting of RD&E producers.

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