



## MEDIA RELEASE

### 2 New Board Members Appointed to RFCS Gippsland

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Gippsland have recently appointed two new members to the Board, Ms. Raelene Hanratty and Mr. Dean Cullen.

Commencing February 2019, the new appointees are expected to inject a new perspective to the governance, direction and increasing future demand of RFCS Gippsland.

Raelene has operated a dairy farm for over 32 years, has a background in banking, also bringing extensive experience in business management and governance, including finance; risk; strategy; stakeholder relations; legal and regulatory compliance.

Holding numerous Board, Committee, Management and Advisory roles for agriculture; healthcare and sporting industries, Raelene currently is a Mentor for the Lifeline *Farmers' Friend* program; Deputy Chair of Heyfield Hospital; Deputy Chair of Southern Rural Water's Customer Consultative Committee, with representation on the Modernization Program and Agriculture Industry Group engagement committees.

Dean brings extensive experience within the Insurance industry, including risk management strategy and financial analysis, particularly for commercial; small business and farming clients. Dean consistently developed and grew business; product and employee performance.

Outgoing Board Member, Leonie Coleman recently retired from the Board after a long-standing 10 years of invaluable service and support to RFCS Gippsland.

Chairman, Aubrey Pellett reflects on Mrs. Colemans contributions, "Leonie was a highly respected and valued member of the Board and we thank her for all the support and contributions over her 10 years with RFCS Gippsland. It was a privilege to work with Leonie who will most certainly be missed by our Board.

We warmly welcome Raelene Hanratty and Dean Cullen to our team and look forward to working together towards enhancing RFCS Gippsland's valuable services".

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