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Changes at TQA Australia

Jane Lovell, founding Managing Director of TQA Australia, leaves the organisation today after thirteen years at the helm. Tasmanian Quality Assured was created in 1997, as a joint initiative between the Tasmanian government and industry.

“Back then we could see the need for quality assurance looming. TQA was created to help primary producers embrace the opportunities and manage the challenges associated with QA,” Ms Lovell said.

Expanding from its base in Tasmania, TQA Australia is now recognised nationally and internationally in the fields of food safety, quality and environmental assurance and has been responsible for many significant developments in on-farm management systems.

“We have always focussed on the practical solutions, looking for ways to help producers meet retailer and regulatory requirements as efficiently as possible,”

“Not only did we start the “Keep It Real” conference series to share information and promote debate on critical topics, we have championed the Australian interpretation of the international on-farm management system GlobalGAP. TQA Australia has contributed to workshops in Prague, Madrid and will soon attend GlobalGAP discussions in Atlanta.” Ms Lovell said.

TQA Australia chairman, Nick Burrows, said “It is sad to see Jane leaving the organisation that she has lived and breathed for the last 13 years, however I am delighted that TQA Australia will continue to be built by our team in Devonport”.

“About 18 months ago our staff embarked on a journey to become a high performing team. This process has resulted in a very strong internal culture and a group of emerging leaders who can run the organisation. With the guidance of the Board, the TQA Australia team will continue its service to producers and proactively address challenges related to on-farm management.”

“I am confident that TQA Australia will continue to be a vital, enthusiastic organisation delivering quality advice and tailored solutions to all our clients.” Mr Burrows said.

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