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Jock Laurie awarded Life Membership

Immediate past President of the NSW Farmers' Association Jock Laurie will tonight be honoured with life Membership of the Association in recognition of his service to agriculture.

Jock Laurie was elected President of the NSW Farmers' Association in July 2005 after being a Board Member since 2000.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says Jock Laurie's contribution to agriculture in NSW and Australia is well worth recognising.

"Not only did Jock represent the Association as President for four terms, he also held a number of positions on key agriculture related bodies including the National Farmers' Federation and the NSW Agricultural Ministerial Advisory Council," Mr Armstrong said.

"At the Association Jock also served as a Member of the Executive Council; he has held the positions of Chair of the NSW Farmers' Industrial Association and Chair of the Joint Meat and Livestock Committee," he said.

"Jock has shown again and again how passionate he is about the development of rural NSW, and the people who make up rural communities.

"Jock Laurie is a very worthy recipient of this lifelong Association Membership. We look forward to his continued participation in the issues concerning agriculture," Mr Armstrong concluded.

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