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Changing of the Guard: New Association President Elected

Delegates to the NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference have today voted Charles Armstrong as their new President.

Charles Armstrong a livestock and cropping farmer from Nyngan in the State's Central West is the eighth President in the Association's 31 year history.

Mr Armstrong has been heavily involved in the NSW Farmers' Association and its predecessor the Livestock Graziers and Pastoralists Association, holding elected positions since 1981.

Mr Armstrong holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Sydney and has held many positions with the Association during this time, including Executive Councillor, Vice-President and Senior Vice-President.

He has been an Executive Councillor (formerly a General Councillor) for 26 years, and is currently Treasurer of the Association, a position he has held since 2005.

Mr Armstrong has also held many positions in industry, including a current position as Director of Australian Farm Institute, a former Wool Council of Australia president, former Australian Wool Testing Authority director, former Wool International director and a founding director of the Australian Wool Exchange.

More than 400 farmers voted in today's Association elections. It is estimated that the new President will spend 75 per cent of his time away from their farm over the next 12 months.

The vote took place on day one of Annual Conference, which is taking place at Sydney Showground from today until Thursday 31 July. The new President will officially take over from outgoing President Jock Laurie and commence official duties at the close of Conference on Thursday.

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