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# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form** 

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, 28 November 2023

Time of Meeting: **1.00pm (AEDT)** 

Location:

Holiday Inn Dandenong, an IHG Hotel, 50-52 McCrae Street, Dandenong Victoria 3175

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to lodge their completed proxy forms in accordance with the instructions in this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

This Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Statement should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor without delay.



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Registered office: 551 Chandler Rd, Keysborough Victoria 3173

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of Farm Pride Foods Ltd (the "Company") will be held at 1.00pm (AEDT) on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 ("Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting").

#### Voting in person

To vote in person, attend the Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

#### Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, Shareholders are advised that:

- each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- a Shareholder who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that changes to the Corporations Act made in 2011 mean that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (03) 9798 7077.

# AGENDA

The Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form which accompany and form part of this Notice, include defined terms and describe in more detail the matters to be considered. Please consider this Notice, the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form in their entirety.

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### **Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports**

To receive and consider the Financial Report of the Company and the related reports of the Directors and auditors for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Note: There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve these reports. Accordingly, no Resolution will be put to Shareholders on this item of business.

#### **Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report of the Company (which forms part of the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 be adopted."

Note: This resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Company or the Directors.

Voting exclusions apply to this item - please see the voting exclusions on page 4.

#### Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Malcolm Ward as a Director of the Company

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That Mr Malcolm Ward, who retires by rotation pursuant to the Constitution of the Company and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company in accordance with the Constitution of the Company."

By order of the Board

Justin Mouchacca Company Secretary 27 October 2023

#### Notes

- 1. Entire Notice: The details of the Resolutions contained in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice of Meeting.
- 2. Record Date: The Company has determined that for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the shares at 1.00pm (AEDT) on Sunday, 26 November 2023. Only those persons will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 3. Proxies

#### All voting will be conducted by poll.

The Directors instruct all Shareholders who would like to appoint a proxy to lodge a proxy form prior to Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 1:00pm (AEDT) (**Proxy Cut-Off Time**). Please refer to the accompanying proxy form for further details on how to appoint a proxy.

Shareholders are strongly urged to appoint the Chairperson as their proxy. Shareholders can complete the Proxy Form to provide specific instructions on how a Shareholder's vote is to be cast on each item of business, and the Chairperson must follow your instructions. Lodgement instructions (which include the ability to lodge proxies online) are set out in the Proxy Form attached to the Notice. If a person other than the Chairperson is appointed as proxy, the proxy will revert to the Chairperson in the absence of the appointed proxy holder's attendance at the Meeting.

#### 4. Asking questions

A discussion will be held on all items of business to be considered at the Meeting.

Shareholders will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions during the Meeting, including an opportunity to ask questions of the Company's external auditor.

To ensure that as many Shareholders as possible have the opportunity to speak, we ask that all shareholders observe the following when asking questions:

- (a) all Shareholder questions should be stated clearly and should be relevant to the business of the Meeting, including matters arising from the Annual Report, Directors' Report (including the Remuneration Report) and Auditor's Report, and general questions about the performance, business or management of the Company;
- (b) if a Shareholder has more than one question on an item, all questions should be asked at the one time; and
- (c) Shareholders should not ask questions at the Meeting regarding personal matters or those that are commercial in confidence.

If you wish to register questions in advance of the Meeting, you are invited to do so by sending your questions at least two business days prior to the Meeting by email to CompanySecretary@farmpride.com.au.

We will attempt to address the more frequently asked questions at the Meeting.

#### 5. Corporate Representative

Any corporate shareholder who has appointed a person to act as its corporate representative at the Meeting should provide that person with a certificate, letter, form of appointment or other satisfactory evidence of appointment executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority must be sent to the Company and/or registry in advance of the Meeting when registering as a corporate representative.

#### 6. How the Chairperson will vote undirected proxies

Subject to the restrictions set out below, the Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all of the proposed Resolutions.

#### 7. Voting Exclusion Statements

The Corporations Act and the Listing Rules require that certain persons must not vote, and that the Company must disregard any votes cast by or on behalf of certain persons, on the resolutions to be considered at the Meeting. These voting exclusions are described below.

#### Voting Exclusions for Resolution 1

The Company will disregard any votes cast on Resolution 1:

- (a) by or on behalf of a member of the key management personnel (**KMP**) whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or any of their closely related parties, regardless of the capacity in which the votes are cast; or
- (b) by any person who is a KMP member at the date of the Meeting, or any of their closely related parties, as a proxy,

unless the votes are cast as a proxy for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 1:

- (a) in accordance with their directions on how to vote as set out in the Proxy Form; or
- (b) by the Chairperson of the Meeting in accordance with an express authorisation in the proxy appointment to cast the votes even if Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a KMP member.

If you are a member of the KMP or a closely related party of a member of the KMP (or are acting on behalf of any such person) and purport to cast a vote on Resolution 1 that vote will be disregarded by the Company (as indicated above). You may also be liable for breach of the voting restrictions in the Corporations Act if you cast a vote that the Company will disregard.

#### Voting Exclusions for Resolution 2

There are no voting exclusions on this Resolution.

#### 8. Enquiries

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company Secretary, Justin Mouchacca on (03) 9798 7077 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### **Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports**

A copy of the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 (which incorporates the Company's Financial Report, reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and the auditors) is not enclosed as there is no longer a requirement for the Company to incur the printing and distribution costs associated with doing so for all shareholders.

You may access the annual report at the Company's website: <u>www.farmpride.com.au</u> or via the Company's announcement platform on ASX, alternatively, you may obtain a hard copy free of charge by contacting the Company by phone at (03) 9798 7077. You may request this occurs on a standing basis for future years.

Except for as set out in Resolution 1, no Resolution is required on these reports.

#### **Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report**

#### Background

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires that a resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report must be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting. The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report. The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors of the Company.

In accordance with Section 250SA of the Corporations Act, Shareholders will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to ask questions concerning, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report at the General Meeting.

The Corporations Act requires the Company to put a resolution to Shareholders that in accordance with Division 9 of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act, if twenty five (25%) per cent or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive Annual General Meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those Annual General Meetings on a resolution (a "**Spill Resolution**") that another meeting be held within 90 days at which all of the Company's Directors (other than the Managing Director) must stand for re-election.

It is noted that at the Company's last Annual General Meeting, the votes cast against the Remuneration Report represented less than twenty-five (25%) per cent of the total votes cast and accordingly, a Spill Resolution will not under any circumstances be required for this Annual General Meeting.

#### Board Recommendation

Noting that each Director has a personal interest in their own remuneration from the Company (as described in the Remuneration Report), and that each Director (or any closely related party of a Director) is excluded from voting on Resolution 1 (as described in the "Voting Exclusion Statements" section above), the Directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 1 to adopt the Remuneration Report.

#### **Election of Directors**

The Constitution of the Company requires that at the close of every Annual General Meeting a number of the Directors must retire from office and will be eligible for re-election at the Meeting.

#### Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Malcolm Ward as a Director of the Company

Mr Malcolm Ward retires from office in accordance with the Constitution and, being eligible, offers himself for reelection. Mr Ward's relevant professional experience and skills is provided below.

#### Mr Malcolm Ward

Malcolm has been in the egg industry for over 30 years having owned and operated cage and free range farms and has served on industry related boards in the area of farm management and feed supply. He is also a director

of AAA Egg Company Pty Ltd and its subsidiary West Coast Eggs Pty Ltd as well as being a director of a number of other private companies. Malcolm is the Managing Director of his family's independent supermarkets and also has commercial interests in property. He is also a director of Australian United Retailers Limited, appointed 17 November 2010.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board (with Mr Ward abstaining), recommends Shareholders vote in favour of the re-election of Mr Ward.

The Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr Ward's re-election.

## GLOSSARY

The following terms have the following meanings in this Explanatory Statement:

"\$" means Australian Dollars;

"AEDT" means Australian Eastern Daylight Time;

"Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting" has the meaning given in the introductory paragraph of the Notice;

"Annual Report" means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor's Report, in respect to the year ended 30 June 2023;

"ASX" means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires;

"Auditor's Report" means the auditor's report on the Financial Report;

"Board" means the Directors acting as the board of Directors of the Company;

"Chairperson" means the person appointed to chair the Meeting of the Company convened by the Notice;

"Company" means Farm Pride Foods Ltd ABN 42 080 590 030;

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Company from time to time;

"Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);

"Director" means a director of the Company;

"**Directors' Report**" means the annual directors' report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;

"Equity Security" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules;

"Explanatory Statement" means the explanatory statement which forms part of the Notice;

"Financial Report" means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;

"Listing Rules" means the Listing Rules of the ASX;

"Notice" means the Notice of Meeting accompanying this Explanatory Statement;

"Option" means an option to acquire a Share;

"Proxy Form" means the proxy form attached to the Notice;

"Remuneration Report" means the remuneration report which forms part of the Directors' Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and which is set out in the Annual Report;

"Resolution" means a resolution referred to in the Notice;

"Share" means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company;

"Shareholder" means shareholder of the Company; and

"VWAP" means volume weighted average price.



# Need assistance?



Phone: 1300 850 505 (within Australia) +61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia)

Online: www.investorcentre.com/contact



### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 1:00pm (AEDT) on Sunday, 26 November 2023.

# **Proxy Form**

### How to Vote on Items of Business

All your securities will be voted in accordance with your directions.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Voting 100% of your holding: Direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. If you do not mark a box your proxy may vote or abstain as they choose (to the extent permitted by law). If you mark more than one box on an item your vote will be invalid on that item.

**Voting a portion of your holding:** Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or 100%.

**Appointing a second proxy:** You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you appoint two proxies you must specify the percentage of votes or number of securities for each proxy, otherwise each proxy may exercise half of the votes. When appointing a second proxy write both names and the percentage of votes or number of securities for each in Step 1 overleaf.

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

Individual: Where the holding is in one name, the securityholder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the securityholders should sign.

**Power of Attorney:** If you have not already lodged the Power of Attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

**Companies:** Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the Corporations Act 2001) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. Delete titles as applicable.

#### PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

#### **Corporate Representative**

If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to participate in the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Appointment of Corporate Representative". A form may be obtained from Computershare or online at www.investorcentre.com/au and select "Printable Forms".

### Lodge your Proxy Form:

#### Online:

Lodge your vote online at

www.investorvote.com.au using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code.

Your secure access information is



For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to www.intermediaryonline.com

By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 242 Melbourne VIC 3001 Australia

By Fax:

1800 783 447 within Australia or +61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia



**PLEASE NOTE:** For security reasons it is important that you keep your SRN/HIN confidential.

You may elect to receive meeting-related documents, or request a particular one, in electronic or physical form and may elect not to receive annual reports. To do so, contact Computershare.

Change of address. If incorrect, mark this box and make the correction in the space to the left. Securityholders sponsored by a broker (reference number commences with 'X') should advise your broker of any changes.

# **Proxy Form**

Please mark  $|\mathbf{X}|$  to indicate your directions

## Step 1 Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

I/We being a member/s of Farm Pride Foods Limited hereby appoint

PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting, Do not insert your own name(s).

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Farm Pride Foods Limited to be held at Holiday Inn Dandenong, an IHG Hotel, 50-52 McCrae Street, Dandenong, VIC 3175 on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 1:00pm (AEDT) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

**Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions:** Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 1 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

Step 2	Items of Business	PLEASE NOTE: If you mark the Abstain box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority.

#### For Against Abstain

Resolution 1	Adoption of Remuneration Report		
Resolution 2	Re-election of Mr Malcolm Ward as a Director of the Company		

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

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