



Australian Poultry  
Industries Association  
(APIA)



Australian Chicken Meat  
Federation (ACMF) Inc

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## **SENIOR EXECUTIVE CHANGES**

With the retirement of the current Executive Director of the Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF) and the Australian Poultry Industries Association (APIA), Dr Andreas Dubs, effective mid-July 2015, ACMF and APIA are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Vivien Kite as his successor.

Dr Kite is well-known to many in the chicken meat industry, having served in the position of Deputy Executive Director and R&D Manager for more than 20 years. Her technical expertise and thorough knowledge of the industry are much appreciated. Dr Kite is a long-standing member of the Executive of the International Poultry Council where she represents the Australian poultry industry. More recently, Dr Kite also became our official blogger with monthly pieces being published on [www.chookchat.org.au](http://www.chookchat.org.au).

The Board of APIA and the Executive of ACMF look forward to working with Dr Kite in her new leadership position which she will take up on 20 July 2015.

An important challenge in the implementation of this change was to find a person to step into the role of Assistant Executive Director and R&D Manager. We are able to announce that Dr Kylie Hewson will be joining APIA and ACMF. Dr Hewson is currently working as R&D Project Manager for the Australian Egg Corporation Ltd. She gained a PhD from the University of Melbourne in molecular virology undertaking research related to poultry diseases. Dr Hewson will take up her appointment on 3 August 2015.

APIA Board Chairman, Mr Kevin McBain, also thanked Dr Andreas Dubs for his distinguished service to and as national spokesperson for the industry over the past ten years. "Dr Dubs' tenure as Executive Director has coincided with a major step-change in the extent and quality of our industry associations' communication with the chicken meat industry's stakeholders, including our informative website and closer engagement with government, regulators and the broader community. We wish Andreas all the best as his career progresses to non-executive director and advisory roles."

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### **About the Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF)**

The Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF) is the peak body of Australia's chicken meat industry, representing both growers and processors. Its members are the five State Chicken Meat Councils (NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA), the Australian Chicken Growers' Council and the Australian Poultry Industries Association (APIA).

ACMF aims:

- To promote and represent the interests of the chicken meat industry
- To conduct and support research on behalf of the industry
- To liaise with the Australian and state governments on behalf of the industry, as the industry representative body recognised by the Australian government
- To inform and educate the public, chicken meat retailers and suppliers on the nutritional benefits, food standards, animal welfare and animal health requirements relating to Australian chicken meat.

### **About the Australian Poultry Industries Association (APIA)**

The Australian Poultry Industries Association is the national body representing the major integrated chicken meat processors, namely Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd, Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd, Turi Foods Pty Ltd, Cordina Chicken Farms Pty Ltd, Golden Cockerel Pty Ltd, Hazeldene's Chicken Farm Pty Ltd, and Red Lea Chickens Pty Ltd.