

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **EGG CHAIR NAMED TODAY IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

- **Bede Burke appointed Member of the Order of Australia.**
- **Fellow egg farmers celebrate his award**
- **Burke has been farming eggs for 40 years**

Australian egg industry stalwart Bede Burke has been named in today's Queen's birthday honours.

Mr Burke has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.

The long-time agribusiness man has been producing eggs on his NSW property near Tamworth for 40 years and is the founding chairman of Egg Farmers of Australia.

The organisation is the national lobby voice for Australia's leading egg farmers – who produce 19 million eggs a day, predominantly on family-run farms.

Egg Farmers of Australia CEO Melinda Hashimoto today congratulated Mr Burke on receiving the honour.

“As both an NSW egg industry leader and the Chair of Egg Farmers of Australia, Bede is a well-known face across the national poultry industry, and we congratulate him on such a well-deserved achievement,” Mrs Hashimoto said.

“Bede has been involved in a range of community organisations during his lifetime, including agri-politics, and has made a significant contribution to the progression of the egg industry. He and his wife Narelle have continued to run a successful farming business, including layer hens, for more than 40 years.”

Mr Bede said the Member of the Order of Australia was a great honour.

“It's very humbling to be acknowledged for doing what you love, and that includes egg farming and working in the community,” he said.

“Eggs are the most affordable source of protein for all Aussie families and it might surprise you to learn that we each consume about 247 eggs per head, each year.”

Egg Farmers of Australia represents farmers who produce caged eggs, barn-laid eggs and free-range eggs.

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