



Ben Stockwin PIEFA inaugural CEO 2010-2020

I was very sorry to accept Ben Stockwin's resignation as CEO of PIEFA. Ben has been with PIEFA from the beginning initially gaining a seat on the Board in a very competitive field and then leaving the Board and being appointed CEO again in a very competitive field.

Ben brought to PIEFA a depth of experience as a teacher and also a school principal who had shown innovation and flair in bringing food and fibre education to his classroom teaching long before the resources that are now available. As the inaugural CEO of PIEFA he had to carve out a space for PIEFA and what it could offer and deliver. This meant learning about the operation of various levels of government as well developing an understanding of the food and fibre industries.

He approached this complex set of tasks with dedication and commitment gaining the respect from all with whom he worked.

Ben leaves PIEFA in good shape with many structures, systems and services in place. The job is never done in education and the same can be said for PIEFA. Ben has set a standard and set up PIEFA for the long term which now must be built on.

After 10 years in the job it was important for Ben's career development that he takes on greater challenges and opportunities.

I have greatly valued Ben's commitment, work ethic, his integrity and his friendship over the years and am very sorry to see him leave PIEFA.

The PIEFA Board is currently working recruitment arrangements for a replacement and this position will be advertised through the PIEFA network of contacts and organisations. This is expected to happen in March.

In the mean time PIEFA's operations will be overseen by the Chair Dr Cameron Archer and Education Officer Luciano Mesiti.

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