

Corporate Ladder: your weekly guide to executive appointments

New generation McBride takes the helm

Maverick Liberal MP **Nick McBride** has been appointed Chairman of his family's 100-year-old pastoralist company, AJ & PA McBride, while long-time Chief Financial Officer **Nathan Wessling** has been appointed inaugural CEO.

McBride, a fifth-generation director, has been on the company's board since 2006 and replaces the retiring **Keith McBride** as Chair.

Keith had spent 31 years with the company, including the last 16 as Chair.

Nick, who was elected to parliament as the Liberal MP for MacKillop in 2018, said it was an honour to lead the AJ & PA McBride board.

"There are headwinds for our business including the threat of Foot and Mouth Disease, rural labour shortages, rising input prices and interest rates, and global instability," he said in a statement.

"Nevertheless, AJ & PA McBride is in a good position, and I am optimistic for the second century of our company."

The company also last week announced the elevation of CFO Nathan Wessling to CEO, making him the first person to hold the position in the company's 100-year-history.

Wessling has been with AJ & PA McBride for 20 years, first as Company Accountant before moving up to CFO in 2009.



Nick McBride



Nathan Wessling

Thomas Kelsall