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### NEW INNOVATION PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE GARDINER FOUNDATION

**Dr Aaron Gosling** has joined the Gardiner Foundation as Program Manager Innovation and together with **Dr Karensa Delany**, will co-manage the Foundation's \$5.7 million investment in Innovation projects currently in progress and others coming on stream with the announcement of new projects to receive funding in 2011.

Aaron's responsibilities include management of the Foundation's interests in projects on processing innovation and food safety.

Prior to joining the Gardiner Foundation, Aaron was a Research Fellow in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at The University of Melbourne, developing technology for high value dairy products with increased health benefits for consumers. He has a strong track record of delivery of science which achieves practical outcomes for the dairy industry

Aaron graduated from Swinburne University of Technology in 2005 with a Bachelor of Applied Science Hons. (Biochemistry/Chemistry). He completed his PhD with CSIRO's Biocatalysis Group, Molecular and Health Technologies. His Doctorate thesis was on *Biocatalytic conversion of vanillin to 3-carboxy muconate*. He is a guest lecturer in biocatalysis at Swinburne University of Technology.

Earlier Aaron was engaged in diverse roles in agriculture/horticulture, construction, manufacturing, transport and local government.

Paul Ford, CEO of the Foundation, said he was delighted that Aaron had agreed to accept the role as one of the Foundation's two Innovation Program Managers, and was confident that his strong project management skills and focus on outcomes would combine with project teams to achieve excellent results for the dairy industry.

*"I am pleased to have this opportunity to join the Gardiner Foundation in a role which broadens my experience to include program management and involves considerable interaction with dairy industry stakeholders and project teams conducting a diverse range of projects", Aaron said. "Funding of 2011 projects will soon be announced, giving me the opportunity to work with new project teams from inception of their projects, as well as ongoing project teams whose work is well under way or nearing completion", he added.*



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