



Steve milks applause

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STEVE Moncur remembers when he was five and his mother would leave pint bottles out for the milkman every day.

However, the Deer Park father said he never thought he would grow up to become a "milko."

"It didn't cross my mind, I wanted to be a farmer or a vet," he said.

"It's in the same kind of area I suppose, I always loved animals but I never imagined I would be a milkman."

Last week, Mr Moncur joined the Aussie Farmers Direct (AFD) franchise.

He delivers milk and other grocery items several times a day across Caroline Springs, Kings Park, Albanvale, Deer Park, Burnside, Brimbank Gardens and Cairn-

lea.

Mr Moncur, who described himself as a "country boy at heart," said he moved to the suburbs after the drought forced him to give up his farm seven years ago.

This is one of the reasons he is passionate about supporting the Australian agricultural industry and has been donating some of his profits to the AFD farmers' drought relief program.

Mr Moncur said he loved working as a milkman, as it gave him more time to spend with his daughters Chantel and Brooke, aged six and seven.

The girls were excited to find out about their dad's new job.

"They were absolutely ecstatic,

they were running around the school saying, 'My dad's the new milkman'," Mr Moncur said.

"They did ask me when the cow was going to arrive in the backyard."

He was planning to introduce the AFD Healthy Kids, Healthy Families, Healthy Fundraising program at Deer Park North Primary, where his daughters go, once the school holidays were over.

"I want to bring back the old-fashioned values and friendliness you used to get. I want to see my customers down the street and say 'G'day,'" the 36-year-old said.

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The white stuff ... Deer Park resident Steve Moncur, with his daughters Chantel and Brooke, has become the area's new milkman. 49787