

# Board reform update

Friday 22 December 2017



The interim board met in Deniliquin yesterday to discuss a number of board reform topics including ongoing engagement with the landholder associations and shareholders, the deferring of elections and the results of a survey recently conducted by SRI into board structures and operations.

The board met with the chairs of Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI), West Berriquin Irrigators Council and Denimein Landholders' Association who provided valuable feedback from their members into the direction the board was taking.

An item of significant interest and common agreement was the need for shareholders, landholder associations and potential candidates to have a greater insight and understanding into the responsibilities of Murray Irrigation directors.

Much of the feedback has been confirmed by a landholder survey conducted by SRI, and it's the consistency and quality of that feedback that has convinced the interim board to defer February elections to May next year with a new board taking office in June.

The deferred elections will allow better education of the shareholder base and will encourage landholder associations and other interested parties to identify high calibre candidates. The May date allows time for the board to identify and process independent director nominations.

The board also heard from local businessman Harold Clapham who provided his independent observations and recommendations for board reform.

Yesterday's meeting followed a similar meeting in Finley on December 6. The next board meeting will be held at Wakool on Thursday 25 January, when the Wakool Landholder Association and others will be invited to meet with the board for an hour.

**Authorised by Chairman Phil Snowden.**