

Board update

Thursday 25 January 2018



The interim board of Murray Irrigation continues to meet with landholder representatives and industry to gather feedback considered critical to its program of ongoing reform and current company operations.

The board met before its formal meeting in Wakool earlier today (Thursday 25 January) with RiceGrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) president Jeremy Morton and Alastair Starritt of Deniboota and David May of Wakool landholder associations.

The board spent much of the previous day meeting with a cross section of Murray Irrigation customers in the Deniboota and Wakool districts, with an emphasis on the latest generation of farmers now operating within the footprint.

"It's not surprising that the priorities and commercial issues facing this group of farmers are cross-generational and reflect those of the interim board," Murray Irrigation chairman Phil Snowden said.

"But these younger farmers are driven by their passion for on-farm productivity and securing water rather than the specific politics of water reform.

"Notwithstanding their current level of interest in the strategic Murray Irrigation direction and water reform, the interim board has taken a conscious decision to continue to improve its engagement with newer shareholders as a matter of priority," he said.

The board also endorsed a timetable of reform which will be presented to landholder associations early next week as part of its ongoing consultation program.

"We'd then like landholder associations to help manage the process of candidate and shareholder education through an extensive meetings schedule that we hope to conduct next month," Mr Snowden said.

The board continued to maintain a close oversight of current Murray Irrigation operations and received in-depth briefings on issues ranging from commercial negotiations, relationships with government and company finances.

The board was united in its resolve to continue with its reform program and was confident in the future direction of both the board and the company.

Authorised by Chairman Phil Snowden.