

## Developing next generation of rural leaders

The talent pool of local community leaders is expected to grow this week as Murray Irrigation kicks off its inaugural board candidate information sessions.

Twenty-two people have registered for the sessions to be held in Deniliquin over two days this Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 March.

Chairman Phil Snowden said the sessions will focus on the requirements of being a director and describe the qualities sought in leaders of the community.

“Those attending the sessions might be ideal future candidates, or just want to develop their leadership skills in general,” he said.

“A good mix of people have registered with some young candidates and people representing a good cross section of the footprint.

“The interest we’ve received certainly bodes well for the future leadership potential within our rural communities.”

The first session on Wednesday will include an overview of Murray Irrigation and an insight into the company’s Board.

“It will also include a presentation by the Australian Institute of Company Directors and by Australian Rural Leadership Foundation Chief Executive, Matt Linnegar,” Mr Snowden said.

“Day two on Thursday provides potential candidates with the opportunity to talk informally and in private with one or two members of the interim board and with a highly experienced recruiter about their potential for leadership and a career as a director.

“The candidate information sessions have been fully supported by the five local landholder associations and Southern Riverina Irrigators.”

**Ends.**

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