



Large field for director elections

Seven candidates will contest the company's board ballot which opens next week (April 27).

The candidates (not in ballot order) are:

- Noel Baxter
- John Bradford
- Steven Bruce Fawns
- Ryan Thomas Gleeson
- Noel Graham
- EJ (Ted) Hatty
- Louis Kelly

Chairman of Murray Irrigation's interim board, Phil Snowden, said the large field provides shareholders with the opportunity to elect candidates who would be expected to put the interests of the company first and foremost.

"The interim board has spent considerable time and effort implementing recommendations stemming from the findings of last year's governance investigation and review of board behaviour.

"We've met with customers across the footprint and engaged in intensive consultation with representative bodies such as Southern Riverina Irrigators and landholder associations," Mr Snowden said.

The ballot is being contested to fill three of the five member director positions on the company's restructured board. Current elected directors Waander Van Beek and Phil Snowden were encouraged to continue their tenure until 2021 after the interim board voted unanimously on the matter in December.

The ballot for directors opens on Friday April 27 and closes on Monday May 28. A candidate can withdraw their nomination at any time.

The company has conducted standard ASIC checks and routine due diligence on each candidate.

Candidates have also been briefed on their roles and responsibilities as directors and have signed up to the Directors' Code of Conduct.

The membership of the board, which is expected to be finalised in June, will comprise five member directors and three independent directors.

Ballot papers will be mailed to shareholders on Friday April 27. To be eligible to vote, shareholders must have paid all outstanding accounts by 5.00pm Tuesday April 24.

Ends.