

Media release

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Noel Graham to lead Murray Irrigation

Murray Irrigation today announced the election of Mr Noel Graham as Chairman of the Murray Irrigation Board of Directors and Mr Mark Robertson as its Deputy Chairman.

The Board held an election this morning for these positions. The election was held as a result of the recent resignation of former Chairman Mr Stewart Ellis.

Noel is from the Denibootea Irrigation District and has been a shareholder director since November 2009. He brings significant leadership experience to Murray Irrigation. Noel is a current director of both Ricegrowers Limited (Sunrice) and the Rice Marketing Board, where he was previously Chairman.

Mark was re-elected Deputy Chairman. Mark is from the East Berriquin Irrigation District and has been a shareholder director since April 2009. Mark also has significant experience in leadership roles.

Noel when accepting the position of Chairman acknowledged the significant contribution of Stewart Ellis who contributed over 25 years of service to Murray Irrigation and the region. He also acknowledged Stewart's contribution to the National Irrigators' Council.

"It is vital that Murray Irrigation continues to focus on our Strategic Plan and core business of delivering an efficient and cost effective water supply service", Mr Graham said

"Murray Irrigation is well placed to do this with a committed and commercially focussed Board and management team.

"External issues such as the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan are also important and we must continue to argue for a better outcome.

"However, we must also be positive about the opportunities offered by high levels of water availability and the offer of government infrastructure funding.

"I look forward to working with my fellow directors and management to lead Murray Irrigation and to ensure Murray Irrigation continues to serve well its shareholder customers", Mr Graham concluded.

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