



National Irrigators' Council

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NIC Annual General Meeting

21 October 2021

Via Teams

Present	Present	Present
Jeremy Morton (NIC Chair) Ricegrowers Association of Aust	Graeme Kruger Ricegrowers Association of Aust	Karen Hutchinson Murrumbidgee Irrigation
Tim Napier Border Rivers Food & Fibre	Michael Murray Cotton Australia	Tracey Valenzisi Murrumbidgee Irrigation
Iva Quarisa Murrumbidgee Groundwater Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators	Jennifer Brown Cotton Australia	Jenny McLeod Coleambally Irrigation
Kim Morison Argyle Capital Partners	Lachlan Campbell Duxton Capital	Steven Ford Pioneer Valley Water, Mackay Q
Dale Holliss Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Gp	Lachlan Beech Duxton Capital	Rosalie Auricht Renmark Irrigation Trust
Michael Egan Macquarie River Food & Fibre	Tony Baggio Riverina Wine Grape Growers	James John Renmark Irrigation Trust
Michael Drum Macquarie River Food & Fibre	Ross Skinner Almond Board	Phil Snowden Murray Irrigation
Zara Lowien Gwydir Valley irrigators	Bryan Ward Irrigation Australia Ltd	Michael Pisasale Murray Irrigation
Sam Heagney Gwydir Valley irrigators	Bernie George Australian Food & Fibre	Simon Schutz Barossa Infrastructure Ltd
Jim Cush Smartrivers	Mike Neville Kilter Rural	Greg McCarron Central Irrigation Trust
Mary Ewing Lachlan Valley Water	Caren Martin South Australian Murray Irrigators	Judith Damiani Western Murray Irrigation
	Isaac Jeffrey (CEO) National Irrigators' Council	Joy Thomas National Irrigators' Council (NIC)
Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Frank Deshon Smartrivers	Ian Cole Barwon Darling Water	Luke Stower Mallawa Irrigation
Fraser Bligh Central Downs Irrigators	Bob Dall'Alba Olam	Craig Perkins Coleambally Irrigation
Tony Baggio Riverina Winegrape Growers	Rob Massina Ricegrowers Association of Aust	Euan Friday Kilter Rural
		Clifford Ashby Coleambally Irrigation
Item 1	At 2.30 pm: The Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting open The Chair welcomed Members present and noted apologies. The Chair advised that the NIC Annual Report is now available on the NIC website.	
Item 2	Minutes of AGM held 22 October 2020 The Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were taken as read. There was no business arising.	
RESO 1	<i>Michael Murray moved:</i> <i>That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 October 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</i> <i>Seconded by Steven Ford</i>	
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<p>Item 3</p>	<p>Treasurer's report and Annual Financial Statement</p> <p>The Treasurer noted the Annual Financial Statement circulated earlier, reflecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A net surplus of \$87,000, enhanced by two Government related Covid-19 small business boost - \$30,000 in 2021 and \$41,000 in 2020. • An adjusted figure relating to former CEO regarding a salary packaging arrangement. • An underlying surplus of around \$30,000. • Covid-19 resulted in minimal travel and accommodation expenses during the financial year. <p>The Treasurer thanked all Members for their continued financial support.</p> <p>Members discussed the issue of Aged Receivables and at what point are they treated as debts. The Treasurer noted that in a previous year, an amount was written off due to a Member withdrawing membership leaving an outstanding payment. Currently there are no long term Aged Receivables.</p> <p>The organisation is in a healthy position with current assets in the order of \$630,000 held in investments, though generating minimal interest. The Board is discussing investment options to attract improved interest rates, though mindful that the funds belong to Members. Total equity is \$612,000.</p> <p>The Board have reviewed and accepted the financials as required by the Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer sought the view of Members regarding investment options and opportunities.</p>
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Election of Directors</p> <p>The CEO advised the following Board changes and Director positions to be filled at this AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Holliss and Tim Napier are retiring from their respective Board positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tim has held Director position {iv}, representing Queensland ○ Dale has held position {ix} (open position). • Gavin McMahon resigned from his position {x} (open position) in June 2021. • Toby Smith resigned from his position {vii}, representing Victoria, in February 2021; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Neville (Kilter Rural) was appointed to fill that casual vacancy. • Jeremy Morton's position {viii} (open position) falls vacant at this AGM. <p><u>Nominations Received and introduction of Candidates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Ford, Pioneer Valley Water is a candidate for position {iv}, representing Queensland. • Mike Neville, Kilter Rural, is a candidate for position {vii}, representing Victoria. • Jeremy Morton, Ricegrowers Association of Australia, is a candidate for position {viii}. • Phillip Snowden, Murray Irrigation, is a candidate for position {ix}. • Rosalie Auricht, Renmark Irrigation Trust, is a candidate for position {x} • Simon Schutz, Barossa Infrastructure Ltd, is a candidate for position {x}. <p>The CEO advised Members of the voting process, with each Delegate having one vote. Each Candidate afforded 2-3 minutes for a brief introduction, background and why seeking to join the Board.</p> <p>Following statements by the Candidates, the CEO advised that with one nomination received for the Victorian and Queensland position, and if there were no objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Ford is appointed to position {iv} representing Queensland • Mike Neville is appointed to position {vii} representing Victoria. <p>The CEO advised that A, B and C Class Members are entitled to a vote if their membership levies have been paid. The voting system is a preferential vote with all four boxes to be numbered, and Candidates' scores ranked in order of preference.</p> <p>Following the voting and counting of votes, NIC Director positions were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Ford appointed to position {iv} representing Queensland • Mike Neville appointed to position {vii} representing Victoria • Jeremy Morton elected to position {viii}.

- Phillip Snowden elected to position {ix}.
- Rosalie Auricht elected to position {x}.

The CEO thanked Simon Schutz for his nomination and for his candidacy.

The Board met in camera to determine Board Executive positions: Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer.

All Members re-convened. The CEO declared the following Board Executive positions:

- Chair, Jeremy Morton
- Deputy Chair, Karen Hutchinson
- Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, Michael Murray.

The CEO thanked all Members for their participation at the AGM.

The AGM closed at 3.42 pm.