

Murray Irrigation starts search for new CEO

Murray Irrigation has introduced some changes to its leadership team as it prepares to recruit a new Chief Executive Officer.

Advertising for the CEO has started across a broad range of press and online platforms, which Director Lachlan Marshall described as “an exciting time for the company”.

“We have appointed a leading recruitment agency and will leave no stone unturned to find the right person to drive our company into the future,” Mr Marshall said.

“In planning for this appointment, the Board of Directors wants to move forward with a more simplified company structure that is outcomes focused and to this end has implemented a restructure following the recent departure of two executive members,” he added.

Under the restructure, Scott Barlow has been appointed General Manager Operations, and Gabrielle Cusack appointed General Manager Engagement, Policy, and Compliance.

Mr Barlow will manage infrastructure, finance, information technology, human resources, business management and customer operations; while Ms Cusack will continue in shareholder and stakeholder engagement, as well as working on water policy. Her new role also incorporates the governance and compliance aspect of the business along with the company secretary reporting functions. Steve Fawns remains the Executive Director.

“Steve, who has demonstrated his dedication and passion for Murray Irrigation, stepped into this role with the goal of being an approachable and accountable leader. The Board thanks Steve and advises he will now have an even stronger focus on stakeholder and shareholder engagement,” Mr Marshall said.

“Importantly, it is ‘business as usual’ as we continue the efficient delivery of water to shareholder/customers.”

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Mr Marshall said Murray Irrigation was looking forward to receiving a strong field of candidates for the CEO's position.

“As the Basin Plan approaches its next phase, being the 2024 review, we continue to actively engage with politicians and key decision-makers to highlight the environmental and economic benefits of ensuring the most efficient use of our water resource.

“Our CEO will lead and represent Australia's largest private water delivery company during a new era of transformational change and growth, driving the Board's commitment to developing projects that enable smarter use of existing parcels of water to achieve environmental and agricultural outcomes,” Mr Marshall said.