Murrumbidgee Irrigation

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John Houghton appointed Chair of Murrumbidgee Irrigation

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) has welcomed John Houghton as its new Chair, following the company's Annual General Meeting last night.

John joined the MI Board in 2023 and brings experience and a strong understanding of the organisation, its customers and the communities it serves.

He said he was honoured to take on the role and looked forward to helping guide MI through its next chapter.

"I'm excited to take on the role of Chair and look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead," John said.

"MI has achieved a great deal in recent years, and I'm looking forward to working with my fellow Directors, Philip and the wider MI team to build on that progress and continue delivering for our customers, shareholders and communities."

MI CEO Philip Holliday congratulated John on his appointment and said he looked forward to working closely with him.

"John brings a strong understanding of MI and our region, and I know his contribution and leadership will be valuable as we continue to improve the way we operate and focus on delivering for our customers."

John thanked outgoing Chair Tracey Valenzisi for her service and contribution to MI.

Tracey joined the Board in 2019 and served as Chair from 2023, helping guide MI through a period of significant change, including the completion of major automation projects and the transition to a new CEO.

"Tracey has made a significant contribution to MI over the past seven years, both as a Director and as Chair," John said.

"She has helped guide the company through an important period of change and leaves MI well positioned for the future. On behalf of the Board, I thank Tracey for her leadership, commitment and service."

The AGM also saw shareholders support the appointment of Stuart Nash as an Independent Director and welcome Frank Catanzariti as a new Member Director.

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