

# **INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS**

## **NOMINATING FOR THE POSITION OF A CLASS MEMBER DIRECTOR**

July 2026



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# Company Information

## Organisational Environment

Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited is an unlisted public company. Its shares are held by customers who own Water Entitlements. Shareholders include farmer-irrigators, commercial businesses, and local Councils.

The Murrumbidgee Irrigation scheme is one of the oldest and largest irrigation schemes in NSW, operated by the NSW government for nearly 90 years, and as a private company for the past 26 years. The bulk water reticulation supply system is licensed to source water from the Murrumbidgee River. The two river offtakes extract water for delivery to customers over a wide area of the western Riverina.

The company has completed a substantial program of infrastructure upgrades in recent years, funded by the Commonwealth government's PIOP program, to modernise and automate the network and to lift water efficiency performance to best practice levels. The company's investment into automation will continue so that the benefits of technology are leveraged to set the region up for the future.

The Company's 2025 Annual Report provides detailed information on its performance, operations, and key business outcomes which can be found on our website. [www.mirrigration.com.au](http://www.mirrigration.com.au)

## Role Description for Directors

### Primary Objectives

All directors are expected to contribute individually and collectively to setting and guiding the strategic direction and governance regime of the Company and ensure they successfully discharge their overall responsibility for the activities of the Company as a whole.

Directors must always perform their duties in accordance with the stipulations of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the Constitution and other applicable legislation. Once appointed to the Board, individual directors do not represent the class of shareholder by which they were appointed, but the collective interest of all shareholders.

Directors are expected to represent the Company interests where they are involved in meetings of customer groups. In some case the Chair negotiates or requests individual directors to represent the Company in interest groups.

### Reporting Relationship

Directors report directly to the Chair of the Board. The Chair is responsible for dealing with management via the CEO.

### Directors' Meetings

Directors hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis, normally in Griffith. Meetings are held on site or via videoconference when necessary. A strategy session is also held in February of each year and may be at a venue outside the MIA. A complete meeting calendar will be provided to the successful candidates, to assist with future planning. However, to give candidates an indication of the attendance requirements of a member-elected director, an extract of the 2026 Board calendar has been provided in Annexure A.



## Board Committees

Board Committee meetings are usually held quarterly, timed to coincide with the Board program. All directors have a position on at least one committee. The standing committees in 2027 will be:

- Audit & Risk Committee
- People, Culture & Nominations Committee

## Board Papers

All directors' papers and information received, whether electronic, paper or verbal, is company confidential and must be always kept secure. Directors are provided with an MI system account to which only they have access. This will be used for MI correspondence and for accessing a secure portal for company documents.

Board papers are issued one week prior to the meeting date. They are delivered electronically to each director's iPad, which will be provided by MI.

## Conflicts of Interest

As all member directors are shareholders and customers of the company, the potential for conflicts of interest is a topic that directors and the Board must be vigilant of at all times. The company has strict protocols to manage conflicts of interest, and directors are subject to the requirements of Corporations law in this regard.

Separately, and as part of the Constitution and Board Charter, member directors **must be financial** to hold the position as a director. This means that all charges have been paid by their due date, or alternatively, the member director has an approved payment arrangement with the Company and is not in breach of the terms of that arrangement.

## Induction and Information

A new director is required to sign a form of consent to act as a director, which the company lodges with ASIC.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that, prior to their appointment as a director, they hold a Director Identification Number.

The first Board meeting after appointment at the AGM on 29 October 2026 (held in Griffith) will be in mid-December in Griffith. A Director's Handbook, which is a set of reference material including the Board Charter, Board policies, and other relevant company information, will also be available. An induction program over the ensuing few weeks will be arranged in consultation with the new director to familiarise them with the company's operations from a director's perspective.

## Directors' Responsibilities Training

The Company expects that directors will either have or will undertake appropriate training in the roles and responsibilities of Company Directors. MI will meet the cost of that training. Directors are required to join the Australian Institute of Company Directors and to undertake the AICD Company Directors' Course at MI's expense. Annual updates and continuous development of directors' skills and knowledge should be undertaken.

## Indemnity and Insurance

Under the Constitution, directors and officers are indemnified by the Company for liabilities incurred through being an officer. The Company maintains Directors and Officers Liability Indemnity Insurance for directors while they are directors and for a period after they cease to be a director. The Company



also has an insurance policy to cover the legal costs a director may incur in their own defence of such cases. Cover does not apply if the director has wilfully breached their duties in relation to the company or is found to have contravened Sections 182 (misuse of position) or 183 (misuse of information) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

The Company Secretary can supply further details if required.

Prospective directors should make themselves aware of their duties under common law, the Corporations Act, WHS law, Environmental law and water law as some elements may provide particular challenges for member directors.

## Remuneration

The maximum aggregate remuneration of directors is set periodically by shareholders and increases annually on 1 July. The Board sets individual remuneration rates dependent on the level of role and responsibilities taken on. Directors receive a basic fee of around \$68,500 per annum, including compulsory employer superannuation.

The Company also meets business costs of training, travel, accommodation, and ancillary expenses incurred in the course of conducting directors' duties.

## Position Description for Directors

### Collective Knowledge, Skills and Experience Sought in Directors

- Understanding of agricultural, rural and water issues.
- Knowledge and experience in strategic decision making that relates to and requires integration with wider community objectives affecting irrigators, government agencies, the community, and organisations in the private sector.
- Strategic management skills and knowledge of frameworks or models that will enhance the Company's performance and commercial viability.
- Ability to contribute to the development of strategies and policies to guide and strategically position the business sustainably for the future.
- Functional experience in one or more areas: financial management, land management, environment planning, community development, production, construction, marketing, human resources, and/or other management-related areas.
- Understanding of, or experience in a similar role, as a director of a business, an association or an industry group and the related governance and compliance obligations.
- Commercial expertise in running a successful company, co-operative or a similar organisation would be desirable.
- Demonstrated negotiation skills.
- Well-developed communication skills.

### Key Accountabilities

- Establish the strategic direction of the Company.
- Develop corporate strategy, key strategic objectives, and targets, make major decisions involving the use of financial and other resources, and personnel issues, including key appointments and standards of conduct.
- Establish and maintain an up-to-date framework of strategic control (scheme of delegated or reserved powers).
- Delegate the day-to-day management matters to executive management so far as is practicable, to the extent permitted by legislation and other provisions governing the Company.
- Define annual and longer-term objectives and agree on plans to achieve them.
- Oversee the delivery of planned results by monitoring performance against agreed strategic objectives and targets, and ensure corrective action is taken when necessary.



- Establish and enhance an effective system of corporate governance and behaviour.
- Establish clearly documented and understood management processes for policy development, implementation, and review and for decision making, monitoring, control and reporting, and formal procedural and financial regulations to govern the conduct of the board's business.
- Establish effective arrangements to ensure compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and other relevant statements of best practice.
- Establish appropriate arrangements to ensure the Company's resources are properly safeguarded and used economically, efficiently, and effectively, and in accordance with the statutory or other authorities that govern their use. In this regard, the directors should ensure that:
  - systems of internal control are established and continue to operate in practice,
  - effective systems of risk management are established as part of the systems of internal control,
  - appropriate audit committee processes are established with responsibilities for the independent review of relevant systems,
  - clear channels of communication are established with their shareholders and other stakeholders on the Company's roles, objectives and performance, and appropriate procedures to ensure that they operate effectively in practice.

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## 2026 Election

### A Class Member Director Position

A position exists for one A class Shareholder Elected Director. The new director will take up their position from the end of the 2026 AGM on Thursday, 29 October 2026.

### Number of Directors

The Company has four member directors, of which

- two are A Class directors, and
- two are B Class directors.

There are also three Independent Directors and a Managing Director.

The Chair and Deputy Chair are appointed by the directors (excluding the Managing Director).

### A Class Member Director Eligibility

A shareholder of the Company is qualified to hold office as an A class Member Director if either:

1. The shareholder holds voting A class shares in their own name and owns a Landholding registered in the same name as the shares,

**OR**

2. The person is the Sole Body Corporate Representative\* of, and a shareholder of, an MI shareholder, and that MI shareholder:
  - a. holds voting A class shares; and
  - b. is a landholder; and
  - c. is a company or co-operative.

Any shareholder who holds both A and B class shares is only eligible to hold office in the class in which they hold more shares. If the shareholder holds equal numbers of A and B class shares, they will be deemed to be an A class shareholder.

No officer or staff member of the company is eligible to be a Member Director.

### Financial

The Constitution and Board Charter stipulates that member directors **must be financial** to hold the position as a director. This means that all charges have been paid by their due date, or alternatively, the member director has an approved payment arrangement with the Company and is not in breach of the terms of that arrangement.

### Term of Office

A Member Director holds office until the conclusion of the fourth Annual General Meeting after their election.

### Nominations

An A class candidate must be nominated in writing by a proposer and seconder who must themselves be A class voting shareholders. Further, the proposer and seconder must provide written consent to their nomination. A nomination form is attached.



MI will release the names of the nominees after the closing of the nominations period.

## Withdrawal of Nomination

Any candidate may withdraw his or her consent to nomination at any time before the close of nominations and within 7 days after the close of nominations by notifying the Company Secretary.

MI will publish the final list of nominees after the closure of the withdrawal period.

## Constitution

The election process will operate in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

## Election Process

The primary method of voting will be conducted by electronic ballot in order to obtain the most comprehensive participation of eligible voting shareholders. Shareholders without electronic systems, as well as those shareholders who nominate to vote in paper, will be eligible to submit a postal ballot.

## Election Timetable 2026

|             |           |                                       |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 20 July     | Monday    | Nominations open                      |
| 31 July     | Friday    | Nominations close                     |
| 7 August    | Friday    | 7-day optional withdrawal period ends |
| 10 August   | Monday    | Order of ballot draw                  |
| 19 August   | Wednesday | Ballots open (9:00am)                 |
| 2 September | Wednesday | Ballots close (5:00pm)                |
| 4 September | Friday    | Results announced                     |

## Candidate Support

When nominating for the position, you will be required to complete a biography that will accompany your nomination material available to voting shareholders.

In addition, MI will provide candidates with a list of the names and addresses of voting A class shareholders. MI will also email one promotional flyer on behalf of each candidate. This flyer will need to be completed by the individual candidate.

## Ballot Method

The method of voting is preferential voting, and it is a secret ballot.

Shareholders have one vote per landholding. A ballot indicating the number of votes (landholdings) the shareholder has will be sent to every A class shareholder unless there is only one candidate in a class, in which case that nominee is elected unopposed.

## Election Process Key Points

This year, the election process will be managed by MUFG Corporate Markets. Instructions on the election process will be provided closer to the time.





## Board Calendar Directors' Meeting Calendar

|       | Jan-26 | Feb-26 | Mar-26 | Apr-26  | May-26 | Jun-26 | Jul-26 | Aug-26 | Sep-26           | Oct-26 | Nov-26           | Dec-26 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Mon   |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |                  |        |                  |        |
| Tues  |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        | 1                |        |                  | 1      |
| Wed   |        |        |        |         |        | 1      |        |        | 2                | BOARD  |                  | 2      |
| Thurs | 1      | PH     |        |         |        | 2      |        |        | 3                | BOARD  |                  | 3      |
| Fri   | 2      |        |        |         | 1      | 3      |        |        | 4                |        |                  | 4      |
| Sat   | 3      |        |        |         | 2      | 4      |        | 1      | 5                |        |                  | 5      |
| Sun   | 4      | 1      | 1      |         | 3      | 5      |        | 2      | 6                |        | 1                | 6      |
| Mon   | 5      | 2      | 2      |         | 4      | 6      |        | 3      | 7                |        | 2                | 7      |
| Tues  | 6      | 3      | 3      |         | 5      | 7      |        | 4      | 8                |        | 3                | 8      |
| Wed   | 7      | 4      | 4      | 1       | 6      | 8      |        | 5      | 9                |        | 4                | 9      |
| Thurs | 8      | 5      | 5      | 2       | 7      | 9      |        | 6      | 10               |        | 5                | 10     |
| Fri   | 9      | 6      | 6      | 3       | PH     | 8      |        | 7      | 11               |        | 6                | 11     |
| Sat   | 10     | 7      | 7      | 4       |        | 9      |        | 8      | 12               |        | 7                | 12     |
| Sun   | 11     | 8      | 8      | 5       | 10     | 10     |        | 9      | 13               |        | 8                | 13     |
| Mon   | 12     | 9      | 9      | 6       | PH     | 11     |        | 10     | 14               |        | 9                | 14     |
| Tues  | 13     | 10     | 10     | 7       |        | 12     |        | 11     | 15               |        | 10               | 15     |
| Wed   | 14     | 11     | 11     | 8       |        | 13     |        | 12     | 16               |        | 11               | 16     |
| Thurs | 15     | 12     | 12     | 9       |        | 14     |        | 13     | 17               |        | 12               | 17     |
| Fri   | 16     | 13     | 13     | 10      |        | 15     |        | 14     | 18               |        | 13               | 18     |
| Sat   | 17     | 14     | 14     | 11      |        | 16     |        | 15     | 19               |        | 14               | 19     |
| Sun   | 18     | 15     | 15     | 12      |        | 17     |        | 16     | 20               |        | 15               | 20     |
| Mon   | 19     | 16     | 16     | 13      |        | 18     |        | 17     | 21               |        | 16               | 21     |
| Tues  | 20     | 17     | 17     | 14      |        | 19     |        | 18     | 22               |        | 17               | 22     |
| Wed   | 21     | 18     | 18     | 15      |        | 20     |        | 19     | 23               |        | 18               | 23     |
| Thurs | 22     | 19     | 19     | AUD/IRC | 16     | 21     |        | 20     | ARC Meeting      | 24     | Board Papers Due | 24     |
| Fri   | 23     | 20     | 20     | 17      |        | 22     |        | 21     | 25               |        | 20               | 25     |
| Sat   | 24     | 21     | 21     | 18      |        | 23     |        | 22     | 26               |        | 21               | 26     |
| Sun   | 25     | 22     | 22     | 19      |        | 24     |        | 23     | 27               |        | 22               | 27     |
| Mon   | 26     | PH     | 23     | 20      |        | 25     |        | 24     | 28               |        | 23               | 28     |
| Tues  | 27     |        | 24     | 21      |        | 26     |        | 25     | 29               |        | 24               | 29     |
| Wed   | 28     |        | 25     | 22      | BOARD  | 27     |        | 26     | Board Papers Due | 30     |                  | 30     |
| Thurs | 29     |        | 26     | 23      | BOARD  | 28     |        | 27     |                  | 29     | AGM / BOARD      | 31     |
| Fri   | 30     |        | 27     | 24      |        | 29     |        | 28     |                  | 30     |                  |        |
| Sat   | 31     |        | 28     | 25      |        | 30     |        | 29     |                  | 31     |                  |        |
| Sun   |        |        | 29     | 26      |        | 31     |        | 30     |                  |        |                  |        |
| Mon   |        |        | 30     | 27      |        |        |        | 31     |                  |        |                  |        |
| Tues  |        |        | 31     | 28      |        |        |        |        |                  |        |                  |        |
| Wed   |        |        |        | 29      |        |        |        |        |                  |        |                  |        |
| Thurs |        |        |        | 30      |        |        |        |        |                  |        |                  |        |

Board Meeting Dates  
 Committee meetings - Audit, Remuneration, Operational (online unless otherwise agreed)  
 Shareholder Meetings  
 Public Holidays  
 NSW School Holidays  
 Strategy Session  
 National Irrigators Council  
 Board Papers Due