

**NEW NSW IRRIGATORS' COUNCIL BOARD READY FOR
COMING ELECTIONS
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The recent New South Wales Irrigators' Council Annual General Meeting saw substantial changes following retirements. New Director and Chair of the Council Jim Cush has worked his entire working life in irrigation farming. Born in Inverell and now based near Moree, Jim brings substantial experience to the leadership of the Council, and strong dedication to the irrigation cause. Also new to the Board are Rachel Kelly from the Rice Growers Association and Brendan Barry from Murrumbidgee Private Diverters. The six Directors on the Board were selected from our 26 members organisations which represent irrigators across New South Wales and range from the Border Rivers in the North, Coastal Valleys in the East, Lower Darling in the West and Murray in the South.

Jim said, "I am honoured to represent the 12,000 irrigators across New South Wales who grow the best food and fibre for Australians and the rest of the world. Everyone who buys fruit, vegetables or nuts from their local supermarket has a connection to an irrigator and their community".

Irrigators have been adapting to the conditions of the drought, coupled with the high costs of water and energy. "Our NSW irrigators have innovated and modified our practices to achieve more with less, to look after our environment and our communities, so we can continue to produce the best quality food and fibre. Australia needs a strong irrigation sector; Australian people know that our methods are safe and are healthy" said Mr Cush.

With the NSW and Federal elections rapidly approaching, the NSW Irrigators' Council is looking forward to seeing the policies of the political parties regarding irrigation and regional economies. The NSWIC will soon unveil our NSWIC Election Policy Agenda and look to the response of the major and minor parties, as well as the independents. Politicians that care about NSW jobs, our rural communities and in particular high quality and safely grown food and fibre, should adopt the NSWIC Election Policy Agenda. END

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