

2022 IRRIGATION AUSTRALIA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Nominee Profile for Carl Walters



CARL WALTERS is the Manager Sustainable Irrigation at Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA), members of Irrigation Australia since 2007.

Carl has been involved in the water and natural resource management industries in northern Victoria for over 40 years. This position followed a role managing the River Health Implementation program for the CMA, so he brings a balanced view to the irrigation field. Prior to commencement with the GBCMA Carl worked with Goulburn-Murray Water in many roles. His extensive background in the irrigation industry has helped provide a different perspective to operations within the GBCMA. He has a key focus on partnerships, putting research and new knowledge into practice on the ground and the continued promotion of the effective use of water and improved irrigation practices.

Carl was appointed to the Irrigation Australia Board in 2018 and currently serves on the Governance Committee and is a member of Irrigation Australia's National Committee for the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

Carl holds an (Assoc Dip (Civil) and is a Member of the Institution of Engineers Australia.

He provides the following statement listing his reasons for renominating for a position on the Irrigation Australia Board:

"After four years as a director at Irrigation Australia and many years of involvement in the irrigation industry that has included actively supporting Irrigation Australia and the industry, I feel I have a role to play in helping the broader impact of Irrigation Australia to become more apparent. Involvement in the ICID processes and observing the challenges nationally and overseas with significant changes in water availability has highlighted the need to grow more with less and use water more effectively.

I would like to be able to continue in a role of Director at Irrigation Australia to continue the efforts in responding to the current challenges we collectively face. The changes that we are observing require continued effort to bring the many parts of our industry together to maximise the effective use of water and I look forward to the chance to continue to be part of this effort."

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Nominee Profile for Udi David Stern



Udi David Stern – General Manager N-Drip Australia

Udi David Stern's leadership journey began as a commanding officer at the Israeli Defense Forces where he completed a 15 years' service and was honorably discharged as a Major from an elite Israeli Special Forces unit. Soon after he left the army, Udi moved with his family to London taking the role of Director of Operations for Brinks Global Services (BGS) UK, a world leader in the secure logistics industry where he was managing a complicated daily workflow and operations both at head office and in satellite branches in charge of over 100 employees.

Two years later, he was promoted to the position of Director of Operations for Europe in the company's HQ, accountable for the financial performance of BGS stations in Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Greece and Hungary. He was also in charge of BGS business development strategy implementation in Eastern Europe and in Jordan.

In 2012, Udi immigrated with his family to Australia as the General Manager of Liral Australia, a property development business based in Cairns, FNQ.

In 2018, he took the role of General Manager of N-Drip Australia and has been leading its journey since its establishment to date. N-Drip is an innovative gravity powered micro irrigation company with a vision and capabilities to change the world of irrigation.

Udi believes that his 30 years of leadership across military, secure logistics, property development and irrigation industries will be an asset to the Australian irrigation industry.

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Nominee Profile for Narelle Lindsay



Narelle Lindsay is the Chief Operations Officer at Envirada, of which Aquamonix is a member of Irrigation Australia.

Experience in the irrigation industry for 20 plus years, predominately working in supply chain, operations, senior management, project, and contract management. Starting my career 23 years ago at Western Murray Irrigation before moving to Tyco Irrigation which was to become Water Dynamics. Moving briefly for 18 months to the Lower Murray Darling CMA before returning to Water Dynamics. Relocating to Rochester Victoria in 2016, I managed Campaspe Irrigation then early 2022, I joined the Envirada Group as their COO.

I have a B.Bus (Accounting) degree and am an affiliate member of the AICD.

My belief is that we need to promote our industry and encourage new people to join a growing industry. As water and energy are becoming increasingly scarce, we have an obligation to support and foster sustainable irrigation practices, continually improving technology and efficiencies in our use of scarce resources. Partnering with and maintaining a spirit of sharing the good, bad and ugly, between members and industry leaders, we can consciously contribute to helping both irrigators, suppliers, and water authorities, but also the environment.

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Nominee Profile for Gordan Vermaak



Gordan Vermaak is General Manager at Think Water Mareeba. He is an Irrigation Designer / Project Manager and has successfully completed projects across Africa and Australia. He was born in South Africa and joined their family business Inyoni Africa (previously A.J. Nyman) in 2001 as a draughtsman and climbed the ranks to become part owner and director of the business until Gordon and his family emigrated to Australia in 2017.

He served on the board of the South African Irrigation Institute (SABI) and as chairman of the local Mpumalanga branch during 2016-17.

In 2018 he joined Total Eden (Ruralco) as a designer and project salesman in Mareeba in far North Queensland. During the Ruralco/Landmark corporate changes he was transferred to Gunnedah in New South Wales and remained there for two years. In 2021 Gordon and his family returned to FNQ and joined Think Water Mareeba as Business Development Manager, and was promoted to General Manager at the start of 2022.

In 2012, Gordon became an approved Irrigation Designer (the SABI equivalent to a CID) and he completed his Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) in 2022.

Gordon has served as director/chairman of several businesses and organisations during his career and has had the privilege to work on some of the world's largest, and sometimes most remote irrigation developments. In 2022 Gordon and his family became proud citizens of Australia.

Gordon believes his knowledge and experience in the industry, both locally and abroad will serve to benefit Irrigation Australia and look forward to serving on this board.

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Nominee Profile for Arran Corbett



Arran Corbett is a Category Manager – Environmental Monitoring at Intellidesign. He is a certified practicing hydrographer and a certified meter installer & validator with Irrigation Australia.

Arran is a seasoned water industry leader with over 25 years of experience. As a Certified Practicing Hydrographer, Arran has made significant contribution to various Australian Standards, inc Tech. Panel on AS4747 and BoM Flood Monitoring Standards.

Through Arran's public service career, he has represented Queensland on many national forums and working groups. Of note are his project management efforts with MDBA and more recently the Inspector General.

In his role with DNRME, Arran was heavily involved in the testing and verification of telemetry and measurement equipment for the Rural Water Futures program (water systems reform in Qld). This work led to involvement with the Federal Hydrometric Networks & Remote Sensing program. Arran played a significant role in the development & testing of Overland Flow or Floodplain Harvesting measurement policy. During this time, Arran designed and commissioned the construction of a water meter test rig at the Hydrographic Support Unit, Rocklea for the lab verification of meters in Queensland.

In 2019 Arran was elected to the role of President of the Australian Hydrographers Association and has continued to lead this national peak body through the various COVID era challenges. Under the AHA banner, Arran co-authored an open channel metering training program for DPIE NSW.

If appointed, Arran intends on leveraging his strong Industry, QLD & NSW Govt connections to ensure that Certified Meter Installers are held in high regard. Arran would also work to establish further opportunities for Irrigation Australia members to have a seat at the table for non-urban metering policy development.

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Nominee Profile for Colin Bendall



COLIN BENDALL is the Executive General Manager Operations and Services at SunWater based in Brisbane QLD.

Colin was elected to the Irrigation Australia Board in 2018 – he is the current Chair of the Governance Committee and is the Irrigation Australia Board representative on the Rainwater Harvesting Committee. Sunwater has been a member of Irrigation Australia since 2000.

Colin has 37 years' experience as a water professional. Some of Colin's key responsibilities include:

- Managing Sunwater's 23 bulk water systems industrial pipelines and four irrigation systems ensuring they are operated in a safe and efficient manner;
- delivering operational services including dam, pipeline, channel, flood operations, drought management, recreation and water treatment operations.

Colin holds an Associate Diploma in Applied Science Farm Water Supplies; is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors; holds a Diploma of Project Management, Finance for Directors and a Certificate in Tropical Agriculture.

Colin has provided the following statement listing his reasons for renominating for a position on the Irrigation Australia Board:

“To continue the good work done to date by Irrigation Australia in promoting the importance of the irrigation industry to the Australian economy; to promote and facilitate the continued development and Certification of Irrigation professionals; to provide input into Irrigation Australia from my extensive knowledge of irrigation practices; to provide input into Irrigation Australia from my experience on risk management, financial skills and governance. I will use my extensive networks to promote Irrigation Australia throughout the industry, and further assist Irrigation Australia to meet the needs of the members. If re-elected I look forward to working with fellow Directors and the Irrigation Australia management team to ensure the ongoing sustainability of Irrigation Australia as we continue to deliver for and service the needs of our members, and influencing policy and practices in the Australian Irrigation industry to ensure a sustainable future”.

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Nominee Profile for Clint Adams



Clint Adams is the Founder and Managing Director of the Hectogon Group, encompassing South Australian companies - Railways Landscape Supplies, Waterpro and Lawnhub, all of which provide quality irrigation and landscaping products, expertise and irrigation design services to the residential, commercial, local government, schooling, and golfing sectors.

Clint has over 20 years of experience within the irrigation and landscaping industry, previously working within retail sales at T&I Newton and climbing the ranks to Sales and Marketing Manager. After 5 years, Clint moved to fill a void in the market and founded Waterpro in 2010. In early 2021, Waterpro further strengthened its position within the irrigation industry by adding a distribution warehouse to its locations. Thus, offering Waterpro clientele access to 3 irrigation locations around South Australia.

In addition to the above, Clint is aware of the importance of educating the industry on new products, advanced technology and best practice regarding irrigation equipment available and installation of equipment and as such, ensures that he provides knowledgeable training to Waterpro staff and clientele.

Clint is a member of Irrigation Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors and currently sits on the board of the Master Landscapers of South Australia.

Clint is passionate about the irrigation industry and believes that his drive will help develop a stronger and more inclusive association.

With your support, Clint looks forward to representing Australia's irrigation dealers by serving on the board of Irrigation Australia on behalf of its members.

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Nominee Profile for Evan Roiniotis



Evan Roiniotis is the Group Chief Executive Officer at AVK Australia Holding. He joined AVK as CEO in September 2021 with significant experience in the engineering and industrial sector with a particular focus on water and gas utilities, as well as the industrial sectors of mining, processing/manufacturing, agriculture and irrigation, and commercial buildings.

His previous employers include some of the leading global blue-chip companies such as Grundfos, Schlumberger, Bosch & General Electric. Evan also co-founded Australian Meter Company and its subsidiaries Ausmeter and iDataNet.

With these organisations, Evan gained experience throughout the businesses having responsibilities across both the commercial and the operations side. These included roles of General Manager, Country Manager, Divisional Manager, Operations Manager, Project Manager, and Sales & Marketing Management. He has had tenure on company Boards both as an executive and non-executive director. Representing a breadth of management and leadership experience.

Prior to AVK, Evan had been with Grundfos Pumps since 2008 as the Oceania Sales & Marketing Director. Some of his contributions at Grundfos were; ongoing organisational optimisation, expansion of sales channels, the introduction of excellence principles, acquisition and divestment activities, strategy development and implementation.

Evan has a Bachelor of Science degree with double majors in Physics and Economics. In addition, he has completed numerous training courses throughout the years.

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Nominee Profile for Paul Walker



Paul Walker is the National Procurement Manager at Nutrien Ag Solutions – Australia

Summary

- Worked in the plumbing and agricultural industry for over 30 years in sales, marketing and procurement roles in Australia
- 20 Years of that was around the plumbing manufacturing sector with GWA, Kohler and Lixil and for the last 10 years in the agricultural and irrigation industry with Davey and currently with Nutrien Ag solutions
- Holds a degree in Marketing and HR from UNE in Armidale NSW
- Involved in establishing a training and graduate program for Nutrien Water.

Reasons for the nomination.

- The water category within the Nutrien Ag Solutions business is growing at a very healthy rate to the point where it will be the only sub category within the business to carry its own tag line of ‘Nutrien Water”
- We have worked closely with Irrigation Australia over the past 12 months to develop a recognisable qualification within the irrigation space for our existing staff and those looking to develop a career within the water space, this we want to continue to develop for ourselves and others
- Nutrien Ag solutions is investing heavily in the areas of Sustainability and Government and Industry Affairs with a team of over 10 permanent employees dedicated to this important aspect of our future growth in the Australian Market, water is a fundamental value proposition of this team . Close alliances with industry bodies such as Irrigation Australia that we can work closely with and combine our resources with to shape the landscape of water in the country is a very important part of this initiative and investment
- My appointment to the Irrigation Australia board will be as a contributor to the business but also as a conduit into the wider Nutrien Ag Solutions business and how we can combine the efforts of both into improving the water space.

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Nominee Profile for Valentina Tripp



Valentina Tripp is the CEO of Davey Water. She is an experienced Non-Executive Director, Chair and Chief Executive with a proven track record in strategy, transformation, and governance in agribusiness, FMCG, industrial manufacturing and retail in Australia, Asia and global markets.

Valentina is currently CEO of Davey Water, owned by ASX listed GUD Group, leading the transformation and growth of Australia's leading branded pump manufacturer into a leader in water solutions. Her prior roles include CEO & MD at ASX-listed Murray River Organics, Executive Director at Simplot Australia and Top Cut Group across Australia, China, Japan & Korea, as well as Senior Director KPMG Management Consulting where she was responsible for leading transformation, strategy, customer growth, supply chain, operational and financial turnarounds, as well as risk management and governance, with a focus on agri-business, FMCG, industrial and retail sectors.

She served as a strategic advisor to the Australian Food & Grocery Council (AFGC), founding and producing the AFGC/KPMG State of Industry Report from 2009-2014, as well as the AFGC Competitiveness & Sustainable Growth Report in 2013, impacting government policy and industry reform across food and agricultural sectors.

Valentina has a strong interest in ethical, sustainable global supply chains, water management reform and a renewable energy future. She served as Non-Executive Chair of Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand (6 years), Non-Executive Director Fairtrade International (Germany) and currently serves as Non-Executive Director with Marine Stewardship Council Board International (UK). She also served as a NED with Dried Fruits Australia and ASX-listed Capilano Honey Limited. She also Australia's representative for APEC's Policy Partnership on Food Security.

She holds a Master of Business Administration (University of Queensland/Mt Eliza Business School), Bachelor of Commerce (University of Melbourne), is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA Australia) and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

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Nominee Profile for Matthew Binder



Matthew Binder is the Director/Principal Design Consultant with MJ Binder Consulting Pty Ltd.

For the past 17 ½ years, Matthew has designed, commissioned and reviewed various irrigation systems throughout Australia and New Zealand as well as provided training to numerous individuals and organisations throughout the country, in the subject of Irrigation Design and Irrigation Design software.

Matthew brings a wealth of enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise in the field of Irrigation Design and CAD technology. Matthew is a Certified Irrigation Designer through the IAL and a recognised irrigation professional through this organisation.

As well as specialising in design and project management, Matthew is also a 'Certified Landscape Auditor' through Irrigation Australia and has various experience in this field.

Specialties:

CID Agricultural Drip Micro ADM5385

Certificate IV Irrigation RTE40203

Certificate IV Frontline Management BSB40807

Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor

Employment History includes:

Netafim Australia - Draftsman/Senior Irrigation Designer

Feb 2005 – July 2012

Design and specify Irrigation systems for various Agriculture and Landscape projects in Australia / New Zealand. Specialise in Micro Irrigation system design for Agriculture, Greenhouse and Commercial Landscape Drip design.

Thinkwater Riverland - Irrigation Designer / Project Manager

Aug 2012 – Mar 2016

Irrigation Design, Project Management and Sales. Undertake various roles to promote water saving technologies and energy efficient irrigation systems throughout the Riverland region.

MJ Binder Consulting Pty Ltd - Director / Principal Design Consultant

Apr 2016 – Current

Currently provide hydraulic design, drafting and consulting services on an ongoing basis to various irrigation dealers and manufacturers throughout Australia. Aims are to provide valid and reliable advice on the latest irrigation product technologies, as well as following current irrigation design standards and trends which have been developed and improved through Irrigation Australia Limited.

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Nominee Profile for Ashley Zanetti



Ashley is the Market Director for Water, Dams and Hydropower where he is responsible for managing the overall performance of the group across Australia and New Zealand, providing strategic leadership, resource management, business development opportunities and driving industry growth. This involves team establishment, governance profit and loss across 300 staff and \$60M of annual revenue. He has 25 plus years industry experience.

Ashley is passionate about the irrigation sector having grown up on a cane farm in Giru North Queensland and has dedicated his entire career to the water sector. He has worked on irrigation projects for all levels of government in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and the Northern Territory.

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)
- Certified Erosion and Sedimentation Control Professional (CPESC 7318)
- RPEQ (No. 12112)
- Graduate Diploma of Project Management
- Chartered Professional Engineer, NPER, MIEAust

Relevant Project Experience:

- Borumba Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project
- Lakeland Irrigation Area (LIA) Detailed Business Case
- Hells Gates Irrigation Scheme - Detailed Business Case
- Assessment of Potential Flood Storages in Callide Valley
- PWC Adelaide River Offstream Storage (AROWS) Options assessment
- Seaham Weir Refurbishment and Modification
- Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM),
- Institutional Transformation of the Punjab Irrigation Department to a Water Resources Department
- Murray Darling Basin Metrological Assurance Framework
- MDBA – Investigation MAF Non-urban water meters
- Infrastructure Project Services - Off-farm Efficiency Program
- Sunwater Mareeba Feasibility Non Referability Study
- Sunwater TUFLOW Hydraulic Modelling – Bundaberg Channel
- MID2030 Irrigation Modernisation (Phase 2) Detailed Design.

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Nominee Profile for Gennaro Vellotti



Gennaro Vellotti is the Irrigation Engineer Lead at Netafim Australia/New Zealand.

Gennaro has been involved in the design and specification of agricultural, greenhouse and landscape irrigation systems within Australia and New Zealand for more than 25 years. He

has been involved in designing some of the largest agricultural irrigation systems in Australia, for a broad variety of crops and irrigation systems.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of project management, technical leadership, irrigation system design, specification, CAD technology, IRRICAD irrigation design software and GIS mapping and data management.

Gennaro lists his area of expertise as follows:

- Agricultural, Landscape and water re-use design and specification
- Project Management and QA systems of irrigation projects from concept to practical completion
- AutoCAD and IRRICAD Irrigation design software
- GIS mapping and data management
- Technical specifications and tender review
- Audio Visual Presentation
- Engineering and Design
- Irrigation systems and Agronomy
- Water Pipelines and Hydraulics

Qualifications and Memberships

- Bachelor of Technology Mechanical Engineering
- Irrigation Australia, Certified Irrigation Designer, Ag Drip Micro (ADM2570), Landscape Turf Commercial (LTC2570) & Ag Sprinkler (ASP2570)
- Diploma in Irrigation RTE50203
- Chair of Irrigation Australia's Certification Board

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Nominee Profile for John John Melathethil



John John Melathethil is a Technical Reviewer Designer currently working on the Goulburn Murray Water Connections Project

John is a Chartered Engineer with over 25 years of experience in large and prestigious water infrastructure projects in the Middle East and Australia. He has good experience in planning, water balancing, water budgeting, project cost estimation, tendering, quality control and project management. He has designed various highly water efficient irrigation systems in both Agriculture and Urban space across public and private sector.

Summary of experience:

- Master planning, design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of irrigation systems in the U.A.E, Qatar and Australia.
- Strong experience in hydraulic modelling and pipe network analysis, water balancing, project cost estimation, planning, tendering and quality control.
- Extensive design work on micro irrigation, have wide exposure in pump station design and irrigation automatic control systems.
- Work involves evaluation of existing irrigation systems, water budgets and system efficiency. It also involves optimising irrigation application and scheduling to prevent loss of water and nutrients below the crop root zone or through surface run-off and therefore limit the environmental footprint of the irrigation related activities.

John's qualifications include:

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Engineering; Master of Science, Agricultural Engineering; Chartered Professional Engineer, Australia; Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland; Accredited Professional (AP) LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design); Advanced Project Management and Certified Associate in Asset Management (CAAM).

Project experience includes: GMW Water Efficiency Project (current) with Goulburn Murray Water, Shepparton, VIC as Technical Reviewer / Designer GMW Connections Project'- Transcom; Senior Engineer - Queensland Urban Utilities – Ripley Valley PDA Sewerage Servicing Planning Study and the Kilcoy Water Main Augmentation; Asset Condition Assessment at Australian Parliament House, Canberra; Senior Engineer – Moyhu Water Scheme, North East Water, VIC.

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Nominee Profile for Kristian Tkatchenko



[Kristian Tkatchenko](#) is the CEO for Bermad Water Technologies

Serving the water industry over the last 5 years in Australia and New Zealand with Davey Water Products and now as CEO for Bermad Water Technologies, I bring with me 25 years' experience across marketing, management and strategy.

Through day-to-day management and global senior management roles I have focused on strategic direction and growth in water, the wellbeing and safety of our staff and developing strong partnerships with irrigation professionals building our industry. Managing our supply and support efforts throughout COVID demonstrated how crucial our industry is and the importance of planning and health, especially mental health.

In a growing digitised environment, we need to ensure the importance of interconnected networks and using data to optimise the use of water, support management of infrastructure and to inform decisions for future viability. Therefore, encouraging and supporting the development and access to IOT enabled devices and solutions.

One of the first steps I have taken in my new role with Bermad was to commit us to supporting the IA Centre of Excellence to help provide cutting edge training and development opportunities that are accessible to as many young trades as possible to create an attractive industry where individuals recognise the ability to make a long-term career.

As father of two, I am passionate about ensuring a strong future for our industry, not only making sure that irrigation and water security are at the forefront of our thinking, but, that we are creating opportunities for the next generation of irrigation professionals.

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Nominee Profile for Mark Davies



Mark Davies is the Business Manager of Aquamonix Control Solutions and Tonick Watering.

He has a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) and Certificate II in Leadership.

Being a leader in the irrigation sector Mark has more than 18 years hands-on experience in innovative irrigation systems across many sectors. During this time Mark has been responsible for the design, development, installation, and maintenance of many irrigation, pumping and scheme control systems across Australia and Internationally. The expertise Mark has in software development, electronics, communications, and SCADA applications makes him an authority in irrigation control technology and technology innovation.

The dedication and knowledge Mark brings to the table has led development by the implementation of cutting-edge technologies for municipal, agricultural irrigation, assets management, channel control and pipeline control projects.

The main motivation for Mark is to provide cutting-edge technology solutions that save time, money and precious resources. Mark enjoys the knowledge that the systems he helps create allows people to spend less time working on their irrigation systems and more time with their families.

Involvement in Irrigation Australia includes:

- 2022 - IAL Western Australia – Special Interest Committee
- 2018 – IAL Presentation – Gatekeeper Control Technology
- Membership of Irrigation Australia since 2012

Areas of expertise include: Client Management; Project and Software Design & Management & System Architecting; Business & Contract Management; Financial Analysis & Reporting; Contract Management; Telemetry & Communications; Installation & Commissioning.

Other relevant qualifications include: Finance for non-finance managers; Operations Management; Diagnosing Financial Health; MagFlow Meter Operations & Configuration; RFI Training – Radio Networks & Configuration; Danfoss & Vacon VFD Basic Configuration and HLT AID003 – Provide First Aid.

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Nominee Profile for Rob Nadebaum



ROB NADEBAUM is International Business Manager for Australia, New Zealand and South-East Asia at Rain Bird Corporation.

Rob has been with Rain Bird Corporation for the last five and a half years.

Founded in 1933, Rain Bird manufactures and supplies the industry's broadest range of irrigation products for farms, golf courses, sports arenas, commercial developments and homes in more than 130 countries around the world. Rain Bird have been members of Irrigation Australia since 2003.

Prior to Rain Bird, after graduating from the University of Melbourne with a commerce degree, Rob spent fifteen years at Reece, in the wholesale and distribution space across Irrigation, Plumbing and Civil industries.

With a depth of experience across distribution, marketing and manufacturing; and a breadth of experience across industry verticals such as retail, commercial, golf and agriculture, Rob is passionate about the efficient use of water, and most importantly growing the professionalism of the industry and the number of people it employs nationally.

Rob was appointed to the Irrigation Australia Board in 2020 and has decided to renominate for a further term.

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Nominee Profile for Greig Graham



GREIG GRAHAM is the Managing Director of Rivulis South East Asia Pacific Business Unit, responsible for manufacturing, marketing and sales in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.

Prior to the establishment of Rivulis, he served in several senior operational roles at the company for more than two decades. Greig has 28 years' experience in operations (manufacturing/supply chain/sales and marketing) and international business management in the micro/drip irrigation industries. Rivulis have been Irrigation Australia members since 2008.

Greig holds an Advanced Diploma of Executive Business Management from the University of Ballarat. He provides the following statement listing his reasons for nominating for a position on the Irrigation Australia Board:

“After one term as a board member at Irrigation Australia, I have witnessed firsthand the great work the Management Team and the Board contribute to the betterment of Irrigation Australia and the industry as a whole. Through my participation on the board I've been able to involve myself directly into the governance and future direction of the organisation. It's been a great learning experience and I believe I have significantly more to offer by continuing my tenure as a Director of the IAL for many terms/years to come.

Whilst it's important to bring new talent and perspective to the Board, I also believe it's important to have consistency in the strategy and the involvement of its members for more than one term. Not only would I like to continue to give back to the industry, I would also like to provide this consistency at Irrigation Australia.”

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Nominee Profile for Clinton Hort



Clinton Hort is a General Manager that has been involved in the irrigation industry for the past 30 years. His career started in an irrigation and dairy focused business in Western Australia's southwest and has developed through the manufacturing and distribution business of the Australian irrigation market. He is passionate and focused working towards the long-term viability of the irrigation sector in Australia.

Clinton has a long history in being involved in and supporting the Irrigation Australia initiatives. He has served on the Victorian and Western Australian local Irrigation Australia committees, most recently completing 12 years with the WA Committee, serving the last 6 years as Chair prior to relocating to Brisbane.

Through his career he has been exposed to all issues facing the residential, commercial, and agricultural irrigation sectors, and has significant experienced on the challenges of perception, advocacy, efficiency, and infrastructure facing the industry. He has completed a Master of Business Administration with UniSA and is an advocate for the training activities of Irrigation Australia.

Clinton is currently the General Manager of Rodney Industries, an Australian manufacturer and importer of agricultural irrigators, fittings, and valves supplying both spray and flood irrigation markets. Rodney Industries has just surpassed 50 years supplying the irrigation industry and is a fully owned subsidiary of Vinidex, a leading supplier and supporter of irrigation in Australia.