

Southern Rural Water's latest news, events and information.



Reflecting on 2016

from Clinton Rodda

2016 was a massive year for Southern Rural Water (SRW). Our big focus is modernising everything we do to provide great service to our customers at an affordable price so as they can be successful.

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Celebrates diversity

SRW was honoured to be named the 2016 Pride supporter of the year by the Victorian Public Sector Pride Network last week.

The Pride Network is a peer-directed group of Victorian Public Sector staff that aims to support and confidently promote all parts of the Victorian Public Sector as an employer of choice, decision-maker and service provider for LGBTI Victorians.

The Pride Supporter of the year award recognises SRW's dedication to creating a diverse workforce and inclusive workplace. SRW was the first Victorian water corporation to join Pride in Diversity, and has been active in demonstrating LGBTI inclusion.



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Agencies working together

SRW Field Officer for the Morwell region, Frank Mannuzza, has been recognised for going the extra mile by Gippsland Water!

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Willang Yarn in full flow

The launch of Southern Rural Water's Willang Yarn balancing storage facility, on Monday 20 February, was attended by SRW Board members, members of the MCCC and more than 70 staff. A plaque was jointly unveiled by Terry Burgi OAM, SRW Board Chair, and Iain Stewart, MCCC Chair.

SRW was honoured to have Grattan Mullett Snr and Nicky Moffatt from the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) participate in the launch, conducting a Welcome to Country and performing a Smoking Ceremony. GLaWAC also provided a Gunaikurnai name for the dam: Willang Yarn, meaning "Rain water". At the launch, Grattan spoke about the important role water has always played on Country in providing food and wellbeing.

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New faces at Southern Rural Water

We welcome some new faces to our management team in 2017.

Jo Giannini has been appointed as Manager, People and Culture. Jo has a wealth of experience in strategic human resource management, having been employed in some challenging roles in the Department of Health and Human Services along with several other organisations.



Bernadine Phelan has been appointed as Communications and Engagement Manager, following a successful period working at the top level in UK media, Bernadine has worked with Gippsland Water, two Catchment Management Authorities, and with the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board.

Michael Piko has accepted our offer to become Chief Information Officer. Michael has a wealth of technology experience, most recently as Chief Information Officer for Murray Irrigation in NSW. Murray Irrigation use many of the same systems and have similar challenges to SRW so we are confident that Michael can hit the ground running and make a real difference.

Michael will commence in March and will be based in our Maffra office.

Record results for the Macalister Irrigation

District

SRW are celebrating after closing the 2015-16 irrigation season with a record breaking 75% efficiency in the Macalister Irrigation District.

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The Rusty Shovel gets bigger and better

SRW's traditional fundraising effort, the Rusty Shovel Golf Day, reached new heights this year in participation and fundraising.

Organiser Alex Young said this year's event, teed off as normal with a rusty shovel. More than \$4,500 was raised for the Maffra SES.

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2016 Rural Water Awards results

Customer innovation was highlighted with the regional winners of the 2016 Rural Water Awards.

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hammer**

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