

FIRST MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUST (FMIT)

FMIT was established in 1887 and now operates as an Authority under Section 118 of the Water Act. Accordingly it has the functions as detailed under Part 11 of the Water Act 1989 including, "to provide, manage and operate systems for the supply of water to irrigable lands and for the appropriate drainage and protection of those lands". A Master Plan was developed in 2004 for the upgrade of Trust infrastructure.

CONTACT

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WESTERN MURRAY IRRIGATION

Western Murray Irrigation Limited (WMI) is an unlisted public company established in 1995. It is responsible for the operation of the Buronga, Curlwaa and Coomealla Irrigation areas of New South Wales. All pumping stations operated by WMI are fully automated, and the supply system is fully piped.

CONTACT

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CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST

Central Irrigation Trust operates fully automated and piped schemes in the South Australian Riverland, offering computerised water on order. The Trust covers Berri, Barmera, Waikerie, Cadell, Loxton, Renmark, Mypolonga, Moorook and Kingston districts.

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RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST

Renmark Irrigation Trust delivers water through underground pipelines from a main pumping station on the River Murray, and three re-lift pumping stations. The Trust has some Private Diverters under its licence and these irrigators pump their own water from the River Murray or from Creeks or Billabongs.

CONTACT

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RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

There are a number of research and development bodies operating within the Mildura Region for the agriculture, horticulture and viticulture industries. These bodies have been established to ensure industries remain in touch with current environmental issues, provide information regarding new and emerging technology and vital technical industry support. Listed below are some of the key research and development groups within the Mildura Region.

- NSW Department of Primary Industries – Agricultural Research & Advisory Station Dareton, NSW
- CSIRO Plant Industry Merbein Victoria
- Victorian Department of Primary Industries – Mildura
- Primary Industry Resources South Australia/South Australian Research and Development Institute Loxton Agricultural Centre

Riverlink's focus is high quality science that underpins the success of horticultural industries, while contributing to the sustainability and profitability of the region. The industries serviced by Riverlink produce almost all of Australia's dried fruit, more than 50% of its citrus and wine grapes, and 70% of the nation's table grapes.

RIVERLINK

Riverlink is a tri-state scientific network servicing horticultural production in the Mildura Region, and South Australia's Riverland. It involves four research institutions in a collaborative network with state of the art facilities, employing more than 150 science, development and support staff incorporating:



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MURRAY DARLING FRESHWATER RESEARCH CENTRE – LOWER BASIN LABORATORY

Officially opened in 1996, the Lower Basin Laboratory is a joint initiative of the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC), the Mildura Region community and the co-operative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology. The lab moved to purpose-built premises at the La Trobe University Mildura Campus in November, 2003.

This dedicated facility aims to answer locally relevant research questions to help guide water managers and ultimately improve the health of rivers, lakes and wetlands.

The research program includes:

- Algal blooms – causes and control
- Management of Menindee Lakes
- Flow regulation and river productivity

- Larval fish production in response to flow
- Impacts of weirs on river health

CONTACT

MDFRC Lower Basin Laboratory

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MALLEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The primary responsibility of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is to ensure natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way.

The Mallee CMA was established under the Water Act 1989 and Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 and reports to the Victorian Minister for Water and the Minister for Environment. The Mallee CMA operates under the goals of the Regional Catchment Strategy.

The Authority also provides advice to government on regional natural resource management issues. To achieve each resource condition outcome environmental projects are delivered directly,

through service providers, land and water managers (public and private) and contractors. Projects address a range of priority natural resource management issues in the Mallee.

CONTACT

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LOWER MURRAY DARLING CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority (LMDCMA) has been appointed by the NSW Natural Resources Minister to take the lead role in natural resource management within the catchment. The catchment extends from Broken Hill in the north to the Murray River in the south and from the Murray/Murrumbidgee junction to the South Australian border in the west.

The LMDCMA uses catchment and management targets to develop the actions required to

address the natural resource issues and threats identified by the community and the former Catchment Management Board. An Investment Strategy will allow funds to be directed to natural resource projects which have been developed by the CMA to achieve the targets and give the best possible value for investment.

The LMDCMA responsibilities include:

- Approved National Action Plan (NAP) and Natural Heritage Trust 2 (NHT 2) programs
- Native Vegetation Management Funds
- Implementation of Catchment Action Plans
- Development of Investment Strategies
- Delivery of Property Vegetation Plans

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