
Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and Introductions

John advised the committee of the decision at the previous IAC meeting in June to call for new nominations for the IAC. The nomination process had been recently conducted and new members had been appointed. John welcomed the newly nominated IAC members and informed the committee of recent changes in SunWater's structure that now saw the management of Boondooma Dam and the Boyne River fall under the Chinchilla Office.

Agenda Item 2 – IAC Nominations and Election of Chair

John informed the committee with the recent IAC nominations process now complete, there was a need to elect a Chair for the committee.

Troy Emmerton nominated Ken Darrow for the position of Chair and Ken accepted the nomination. No further nominations for the position of chair were received. The majority of IAC members voted in favour of Ken as the Chair through a show of hands and Ken was subsequently appointed as the Chair of the newly formed IAC.

As such the Boyne River Irrigator Advisory Committee is as follows:

1. Ken Darrow, Chair
2. Troy Emmerton
3. Tim Allen
4. Andrew Vicary
5. Ben Harzer
6. Boyd Paton
7. Stewart McKenzie
8. Link Davies

Ken thanked the outgoing IAC members, John Bourke and Mark Berthelsen for their service on the committee and welcomed the new members, Tim, Andrew, Boyd, Stewart and Link to the IAC.

Agenda Item 3 - Apologies

Link Davies, Andrew Vicary

Agenda Item 4 – Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous IAC meeting held on 7 June 2016 were reviewed. Troy moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded by Ken.

Agenda Item 5 – Business arising from the previous minutes

Nil

Agenda Item 7 – IAC Charter

John provided the IAC with SunWater's Charter for Irrigation Advisory Committees and discussed salient points in the Charter with the new committee. John also provided the customers with SunWater's Customer Consultation Framework.

The committee requested a list of the customers (including their allocation volumes and if they were active or not i.e. sleepers and dozers) that they are now representing as a member of the IAC. John advised the committee of sensitivities and privacy around SunWater providing such information. The committee noted that in the ROP all details of peoples allocation were published anyway and as such all this information is already on the public record. John undertook to check what level of information, if any, SunWater is able to provide the committee.

The committee requested that if a member was unable to attend an IAC meeting that a proxy be allowed to attend in their absence. It was agreed that proxies would be allowed under such circumstances providing a written request was submitted to the Chair prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – MP Cut-off Update

No further discussion was had on the MP cut-off as this was discussed previously at the general irrigators shed meeting prior. Refer to the minutes of this meeting (Attachment 1).

Agenda Item 9 – Boondooma Dam Spillway Repairs Project

Sarah McComber, Project Manager, SunWater, provided an update of the Boondooma Dam Spillway Repair Project. Sarah provided some 3-D models of the existing spillway and the proposed repaired spillway. The spillway repairs will commence in Jan 2017 and are expected to continue until Sept 2017 provided no delays due to wet weather. Sarah provided the committee members with an overview of the repairs which will include anchoring of the existing spillway crest, benching of the right bank spillway wall and construction of a secondary erosion protection structure.

Agenda Item 10 – Water Ordering

A general discussion was had on the benefits of water ordering and the assistance it would provide SunWater Operators with determining release volumes at any given time. The committee discussed the usefulness of cameras that would allow SunWater to view different parts of the river to determine where the flow is at or if there are any issues. SunWater will look into the use of cameras and advised the committee that they will be limited in their use through access to a mobile phone signal.

The committee thought SunWater's release strategy at the moment was working well however there is an issue with getting the water through to the end users in some instances. It was noted by the committee that if you don't keep the river 'full' then it takes too long to catch up with losses. The committee consensus was that SunWater's formal water ordering system may not be best suited to the Boyne, however the committee agreed an informal water ordering system would be best.

Committee members agreed to encourage other irrigators to ring Ashley (SunWater's Operator) and advise Ashley of their likely water requirements for the following week to allow Ashley to make better decisions. SunWater encouraged the committee members to ring Ashley to keep him informed of their water requirements.

Agenda Item 11 – 2016 Network Service Plan Performance Report

John provided the IAC with a copy of the 2016 Network Service Plan Performance Report for review. John talked the committee through the report and highlighted the impact of the spillway repair work in the expenditure tables and the anticipated revenue from both insurance claims and contribution from Stanwell Corporation in the revenue tables, which are detailed throughout the report.

In terms of the 2016 water usage (table 2) the committee would like to understand what volume of water was released from Boondooma dam to deliver the 4,528ML that was delivered to customers.

The IAC requested clarification on the 'urban' revenue identified in Table 3 of the report, noting there was \$54k urban revenue in 2015 and \$0 in 2016.

Open Action Item Summary			
Ref No.	Description	Assigned To	Due Date
7	SunWater to investigate what information can be provided to the IAC in terms of customers within the scheme	John K	18 Jan 17
10	SunWater to investigate the use of cameras to monitor river flows in strategic locations	John K	18 Jan 17
11	SunWater to provide details of water released from Boondooma Dam to deliver customers water allocation and also what volumes were recorded at Derra gauging station	John K	18 Jan 17
11	SunWater to confirm the 'urban' revenue in table 3 of the NSP performance report	John K	18 Jan 17

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday 18 Jan 2017
Time: 2pm
Location: Mundubbera Community Hall

Attachment 1 – Boyne River Irrigators Shed Meeting Minutes – 15 December 2016