

BARKER BARAMBAH IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 27 March 2014

Meeting opened by Stuart Nicholson at 6:10pm Murgon RSL Board Room

Present

Attendees	Representation
Andrew Mayne	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Stuart Nicholson	Irrigator Advisory Committee - Chairman
Peter Enkelmann	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Kev Armstrong	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Goschnick.

2. Agenda

- Network Service Plans
- Meeting schedule
- General business

3. Previous minutes

Not reviewed at this meeting.

4. Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

5. Network Service Plans

Milton presented the draft 2015 Network Service Plan for the scheme. Feedback and requests for further information were noted for consideration in the final NSP which will be published in June.

6. Meeting schedule

The committee discussed what frequency it should meet. It was agreed by all that 6 monthly would suffice for ordinary meetings and additional meetings be called on an as-needs basis.

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7. General Business

- Water efficiency concerns were discussed from two perspectives;
 - Losses out the bottom end of the scheme. It was acknowledged that the operational aspects were being managed very well however it is more of an issue for reacting to changes in water orders. This will be monitored by SunWater and the IAC and discussed further at the next meeting.
 - Leakage into the underground near Silverleaf. Peter noted that there appeared to be times where releases didn't arrive in the amount expected and that some bores near the stream are most likely affecting this. This will also be monitored and reviewed again at next meeting. It was suggested and agreed that a shed meeting be held with the Silverleaf Weir Irrigators before the peak season commences.

- A brief update on the handover of the Bjelke Petersen Dam Recreation area was given by Milton. The process to undertake recreation area handovers has been improved and will address some of the difficulties and impasses experienced previously. It is anticipated that the recreation area handover will progress in the near future.

- It was raised that an additional committee member in the lower section would be beneficial. There has been a reduction in active members over the last few years with little change to the core group. Nominations for additional members will be sent out. Members to canvass irrigators in their section to gauge interest.

Next meeting – The next meeting is tentatively set for end of September in line with the adopted 6 monthly ordinary meeting schedule.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:30pm

Chairperson

Milton Pukallus

Service Manager

Date

27/3/14

Date