

BARKER BARAMBAH IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Meeting opened by Stuart Nicholson at 10:30am 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
Gary Goschnick	SunWater – Storage Supervisor

Apologies

Apologies were received from Claire Kapernick and Damien Sippel.

Agenda

- 2017 Draft Network Service Plan
- Upper Redgate Pump
- Bjelke Petersen Dam recreation area update
- IAC Membership
- General business

Previous minutes

Not reviewed at this meeting.

Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

Network Service Plans

Milton presented the draft 2017 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.

Peter McGahan joined the meeting via phone at 11:15am to provide some more detail on aspects of the NSP and answer some specific questions.

Upper Redgate pump

The committee discussed the current status of irrigation demand and capacity of the pump for Upper Redgate. Gary advised that the pump seemed to be delivering less than it was supposed to. There is general acceptance that the pump was intended to deliver approximately 12ML/d originally and now is

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nominally delivering around 10ML/d or less. The committee was unanimous in recommending the pump be replaced to ensure fair access to water is provided in this part of the scheme. The costs of the pump would be included in the scheme costs.

Action – Milton to arrange estimate for replacement and inform the committee.

Bjelke Petersen Rec Area

The rec area transfer to SBRC has not progressed as quickly as intended or advised previously. Council were still understood to be keen to take on the remainder of the area. It is SunWater's intention to progress the handover now that local elections are not a hindrance.

IAC Membership

SunWater will contact SBRC on behalf of the committee and seek a council representative following local elections.

General Business

- Peter asked about the water ordering timeframes and whether there could be a change made to accommodate changes in weather forecasts and the need to adapt to such. The example given was that the ordering deadline is 6am and the weather forecast is available later that morning. Following discussion it was agreed that no formal changes should be made to the timeframes, rather Gary will accommodate changes to ordering as much as is practical to suit irrigator's requirements. This will be monitored by all and reviewed at the next meeting.
- Stuart raised the issue of improving water delivery and efficiency in the lower part of the scheme. Several irrigators have created small rock bars under approval from DNRM as mini pumping pools. The committee suggested that this should be considered further by more irrigators and SunWater. Milton advised SunWater would be unlikely to contribute to such where this is being proposed for natural creek sections. Gary acknowledged that these small pools help control water in the lower section. Stuart suggested he and Gary investigate some sites after the meeting so that further discussions can be had with irrigators and section reps.

Next meeting – The next meeting is tentatively set for end of September/October in line with the adopted 6 monthly ordinary meeting schedule and provision of the 2016 NSP.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:20pm

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Chairperson

Date

Milton Pukallus

Service Manager

24/05/16

Date