

MINUTES OF MEETING – 22 June 2016

Meeting opened by Darren Large at 10:00am at the SunWater Depot Bundaberg

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Isis Canegrowers
Dale Holliss	Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Committee
Jason Bartells	Bundaberg Regional Council
Kelvin Griffin	Bundaberg Canegrowers
Terry Cunningham	Bundaberg Sugar (proxy for Simon Doyle)
Bree Grima	Bundaberg Fruit and Vegetable Growers
Darren Large	Operations Manager IS - SunWater Bundaberg
Nic Catasti	Operations Supervisor IS – SunWater Bundaberg
Tony Reynolds	Senior Administrator IS - SunWater Bundaberg
Milton Pukallus	Service Manager BW - SunWater Bundaberg
Observers	

Apologies

John Gorringer, Peter Russo, Tony Castro, Tyler Bengston, Peter McLennan, Mark Pressler, Wayne Stanley, Andrew Maughan (SW).

Note - quorum not reached for this meeting hence no significant decisions requiring voting were made.

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction of new committee
- Election of Chair
- Storage Position
- 2017 draft Network Service Plan reviews (Bulk and Distribution)
- Annual Maintenance Shutdown update
- General Business

Welcome and Introduction

Darren welcomed the new committee members and facilitated an introduction of each to the group. Unfortunately there were some apologies for this meeting and some new members were not present.

Election of Chair

The first order of business for the committee was to nominate the chair. Given there were several representatives missing from the committee and this being the first meeting of the new committee it was decided to defer the election until the next meeting. General consensus was reached on this point with a suggestion from Dale Holliss to have Mark Mammino (previous chair) act as temporary chair until next

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meeting. This was accepted by Mark and agreed to by all. Mark chaired the meeting from this point forward.

Storage Position

Milton gave an overview of the storage position for the Bundaberg area.

Paradise Dam	90%
Fred Haigh Dam	94%

Neither of the storages received much inflow from recent rain events. Storages at the lower end of the rivers, such as Ned Churchward Weir, Bucca Weir and Kolan Barrages, had received reasonable inflows and were full and spilling at the time of the meeting. Ben Anderson had risen and was expected to be close to full within the next week.

Dale asked if there was likely to be much impact on Announced Allocations from the Ben Anderson Barrage works in August. Advised by Milton that at this stage there would be a need to release more water than anticipated due to Ben Anderson filling. The impact was detailed in a meeting with Gordon Delaney in April but would also be investigated again given the slight change in circumstances. ACTION – Milton to seek detail on likely impact.

Dale also asked if the announcement by Leanne Donaldson today would impact on the repair works. Dale explained that the announcement related to permits for fishing in the impoundment. It was felt that this was unlikely to cause any issues.

2016/17 Draft Network Service Plans

Milton and Darren presented the 2016/17 NSPs for Bulk Water and Distribution respectively. Questions and comments were discussed and noted for feedback as part of the process.

Annual Maintenance Shutdown Update

Darren gave a presentation of the annual channel shutdown for this year that showed a cross section of maintenance activities carried out whilst the channel network and pipelines are de-watered. This included patch painting of regulator gates, fitting of Sacrificial Anodes on submerged metal assets, Woodward Rd Regulator Gate removal, overhauled and re-fit, de-silting works, Sheepstation Ck 3x Penstock gate renewal project.

Difficulties were discussed around fitting larger maintenance works such as Regulator Gate refurbishments into the current shutdown timeframes.

This particular year saw unseasonal hot weather during some of the earlier scheme shutdown time frames so water requests for water during the shutdown periods were abnormally high.

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General Business

- Milton advised that the new SunWater CEO, Nicole Hollows, would be visiting Bundaberg and Paradise Dam on 30 June. The IAC would be invited to meet Nicole and attend a visit to the dam. Invitations would be sent shortly.
- Milton provided a draft copy of a newsletter that was being developed and sought feedback from those present on information to include. Following brief discussion it was agreed that the newsletter was a good idea and some additional items to include would be;
 - Information or a link to water quality to assist with salinity management.
 - Details of upcoming shutdowns.

Dale and Bree offered to include the newsletter on the Canegrowers and BFVG websites.

- Darren raised a local artist had contacted SunWater to propose beautification project for one of the Woongarra scheme assets. This request and proposal was considered on it's merits, this particular site has working at height safety issues so scaffolding would be required and therefore strict site supervision would be required. In the proposal the Artist presented a letter of recommendation from the local Council along with a folio of works he completed for other organisations. A decision was made to take guidance from the IAC.

The committee and SunWater feel there is no benefit to customers to be gained from this proposal and it was dismissed. Notification will be drafted to the Artist advising of the decision.

Meeting closed at 11:45am

Next Meeting

A date has not been set for the next meeting but is likely to align with the timing of the 2015/16 NSP report review around October.

	Darren Large	Milton Pukallus
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Chairperson	Service Manager (IS)	Service Manager (BW)
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