

**Burdekin Haughton  
IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



**MINUTES OF MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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**SunWater staff entered the meeting 2:30pm**

**Present:**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Colin Bendall (CM)	SunWater – Clare Office
Carmen Ricca (CR)	SunWater – Clare Office
Wayne Smith (WS)	BRIA Secretary - Canegrowers
Mario Barbagallo (MB)	Chairman
Terry Williams (TW)	Deputy Chairman
Mauro Garbuio (MG)	Committee Member
Greg Barbagallo (GB)	Committee Member

**1. Apologies - Nil**

**Standing Acronyms:**

BFD – Burdekin Falls Dam  
BHWSS - Burdekin Haughton Water Supply Scheme  
BOM – Bureau of Meteorology  
BRIA Committee - the above listed committee  
IROL – Interim Resource Operating Licence  
DERM – Dept of Environment & Resource Management  
QFF – Queensland Farmers Federation  
ROL – Resource Operating Licence  
ROP – Resource Operating Plan  
SMT – Senior Management Team  
SW – SunWater

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**Pump Station Availability**

**Dalbeg A**

Pump# 1	Available – recently overhauled
Pump# 2	Available – recently overhauled
Pump# 3	Available

**Dalbeg Relift**

Pump# 1	Available
Pump# 2	Available

**Dalbeg B**

Pump# 1	Available
Pump# 2	Unavailable – Removed for refurbishment

**Millaroo A**

Pump# 1	Available
Pump# 2	Available
Pump# 3	Available
Pump# 4	Unavailable – Disconnected ready for removal & refurbishment.

**Millaroo Relift**

Pump# 1	Available
Pump# 2	Available

**Millaroo B**

Pump# 1,	Available
Pump# 2	Available
Pump# 3	Available

**Haughton**

Pump# 1/1	Available
Pump# 1/2	Available
Pump# 2	Unavailable – bearing fault investigation continuing
Pump# 3	Unavailable – scaffolding installed to access vibration sensors
Pump# 4	Available
Pump# 5	Available

**Clare B**

Pump# 1	Available
Pump# 2	Available – if required. Air bleed solenoid coil on order.
Pump# 3	Available
Pump# 4	Available

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**Clare A**

Pump# 1	Available.
Pump# 2	Available.
Pump# 3	Unavailable – New reflux valve arrived, yet to be fitted.
Pump# 4	Available.

**Elliott**

Pump# 1	Available.
Pump# 2	Available.
Pump# 3	Available.

**Healys Lagoon Relift**

Available

**Reed Beds Relift**

Available

**Storage**

BFD Storage Level is 100.6% 1,862,789ML, 0.010 mtrs above spillway  
Currently spilling 105.6 ML / Day

**Irrigation**

Demand has remained steady at 1400ML/D for the month.  
River releases started from BFD 19/09/12

**R&E Work**

Millaroo pump 4 refurbishment.  
Upgrade of Scada at Haughton Pump Station.  
Elliott pump 1 switchboard upgrade.  
Clare B switchboard upgrade.

**Maintenance**

Annual electrical testing at all pump stations throughout October. No effect to supply.  
Intermittent outages.  
Channel scraping to commence in Dalbeg 08/12/12, Millaroo 15/10/12. Clare 22/10/12 for approx.. 4 days each system.  
Cleaning of chase into Clare A pump station Friday approx. 6 hrs, interruption to supply. Limited effect to supply.

**Acrolein**

Annual Acrolein Program.  
Acrolein Program being followed with shutdowns in place.

BMC Reg 31 to end Hughes Rd 29/09/12  
BA9 Reg 71 to end Corica Rd 29/09/12.  
BA1 all system 15/10/12.  
Haughton H18 15/10/12.  
Haughton H20 15/10/12.  
Haughton H15 15/10/12.

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**Fencing:** Not finished. Because of restrictions on QCA budgets it will not be finished this year. Customers who took the option of contributing to the cost of getting pool fencing have not been done.

### 2. Business Arising From Manager's Report

### 3. Business arising from previous minutes

(CB) advised that he investigated the option of selling allocation water that was to be dumped during channel shutdowns at a cheaper rate. This would involve a temporary transfer to the irrigators account. The Resource Operations License does not currently allow SunWater to temporarily transfer water from the loss account. This would require a change to the ROP by DERM

(CB) investigated the excess water coming from Mulgowie Farms and found that it is hard to control due to the amount of tail water going into Cassidy Creek.

(CB) Maps for acrolien injections: some changes had been made to the dates of the injections due to the fact that the staff would have to come in on toil or overtime on a Saturday to unlock the channel system. The changes have been made from being a Saturday to Saturday to Monday to Monday. (CB) will get new maps with dates sent to all irrigators. (JM) will advise these dates also at the next shed meeting. (JM) to contact John Deambrosis regarding shed dates.

Acrolien Injections: mix up of dates for this week, irrigators not notified. Will be starting again in 2 weeks.

(CB) Has organised for preventative copper sulphate injections due to the amount of slime that has already built up in the channels. They are injecting a pallet of copper sulphate per week every Wednesday and Thursday.

### 4. General Business

(CB) Dalbeg pumps back in use lunchtime today,  
Dalbeg Pumpstation –PLC are old, capital project to replace PLC \$60 000.  
When this job is done, there will be very little down time-can be switched over to manual.

Dalbeg A - Pump 2 is being refurbished.

Haughton Pumpstations –All going well, another two pumps back on line.

Pump 3 out at the moment – should be fixed quickly.

Pump 2 has a bearing fault.

Telescopic intakes have all been refurbished.

Clare A – Install new reflux valve.

Clare B- Small problem easily fixed.

BA8 Relift – Refurbished.

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Healey's Lagoon – All operational.

BFD - Just over spillway – should stop spilling 28.09.12.  
Demand – 1400 megs per day.

Concerns with irrigators parking machinery and storing equipment (fluming rollers) on channel and pipeline/reserves. All Water officers are to ask irrigators to move machinery and equipment off the channel reserves. . This is causing damage to the channels and concrete linings and is also a hazard and increasing the amount of time required for spraying and slashing of channels. CB requested that BRIA put notice in Newsletter regarding machinery and equipment near channels.

Channel Slashing – SunWater to do next round of slashing ( two cuts) to save costs and bring in contractors for the following round.

### R & E Work:

Millaroo A Pump 4 – Being Refurbished.  
Haughton Pump Station – SCADA upgrade.  
Elliott Pump Station – replace switchboards.  
Clare B – small switchboard upgrade.

### Maintenance:

Annual electrical testing on all pumps to be done in October.  
Channel scraping to be done in Dalbeg starting October 8, Millaroo on October 15, Clare on October 22..  
Backhoe sent along Clare channels to pick out big clumps while waiting for channel scape.  
Friday September 28, small interruption to Clare A pump station while a chase is dug.

### Cassava:

(CB)Potentially SunWater could be supplying off-peak water in 2 -3 weeks. If supply cannot meet existing customers demand, the new customer will be shut off or placed on restriction, they will be cut-off first. The developers have asked if they can use the last bay in the Elliott system as a balancing storage when peak water is not available.

(MB) Has environmental concerns regarding this development that he will follow up with DNR.

(MB)An irrigator (W\_ F) has complained that his name is mentioned in the minutes of the Burdekin Irrigator Advisory Committee on 25-02-09. Irrigators names are not usually mentioned in minutes as they are available on the internet. (CB) will arrange to get the name removed immediately..

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**5. Correspondence**

**6. Next Meeting – Thursday 25th October 2012 – 2.30pm**

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**Chairperson**

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**Date**

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**SunWater Manager**

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**Date**