

CALLIDE VALLEY IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 20 May 2016

Meeting opened by Milton Pukallus at 10:10am at SunWater Callide Dam Depot

Present

Attendees	Representation
Ivan Shepardson	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Trevor Goos	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Geoff Stringer	Proxy for James Fairley
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager
Ron Boal	SunWater – Senior Operator

Note – the quorum was not reached for this meeting - hence no decisions were made. The meeting proceeded and any recommendations from those present will be provided to the full committee to approve before actioning.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Paul Stringer and Duncan Downie.

2. Agenda

- 2017 Draft NSPs
- IAC nominations
- Bore levels
- General business

3. 2017 Draft NSPs

Milton presented the draft NSP for comment and feedback. Responses to feedback will be provided over the next month and also published on the SunWater website.

4. IAC Nominations

The members discussed the nomination process and reviewed the section details which make up the committee. Agreed to retain the current section groupings and include a representative from Teys Bros and Council.

The sections for representation will be;
3A, 3B, 5, 7, 10B, 8A & 8B combined.

Draft copy of the nomination form will be circulated for comment before being sent to individual irrigators.

5. Bore Levels

Charts of the bore level readings for the 7 zones were presented for consideration. The data was current up to the last read in March 2016.

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It was agreed to present the bore level graphs at each IAC meeting as a standard agenda item. Several changes to the graph layout were suggested as improvements. These will be adopted and circulated to the committee.

6. General business

- Ivan asked about the DEWS study into the future operation of Callide Dam. He expressed his views that there would be some benefits to using more water from the dam for irrigation when the dam is at higher levels as a means to reducing the level and boosting agriculture. Whilst the outcome of the study is not yet known it was agreed that consultation with all irrigators was essential before any changes to the dam operations were made.
- Trevor raised a query about whether allocations could be temporarily raised above 100% when groundwater levels were high. This would be covered under the ROP and is understood that there is no means at present to do such. Milton to follow up and seek further advice from SunWater.
- A query was raised about the accounts customers receive. Geoff advised that one of his accounts doesn't provide details on usage or meter reads. The account is summarised. This seems to be an issue with customer accounts where multiple offtakes are combined into one account. Milton will investigate further and provide feedback to the group.
- Geoff asked about the timing of maintenance for the diversion channel. Discussion centred on whether a fixed time of year to drain should be adopted. It was agreed that the channel should be drained once per season but the timing should be flexible to suit irrigation and weather factors rather than fix a set time.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be set following the committee nominations. It is anticipated that this will be before mid August.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:35am

_____	Milton Pukallus
Chairperson	Service Manager
_____	20/05/15
Date	Date