

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 15 November 2016  
**Time:** 10am to 11.45am  
**Location:** St George Meeting Room  
**Attendees:** Scott Armstrong, Bill Bennett, Luke Stower, Rob Jakins, Glen Rogan  
**Apologies:** Bill Knights, Hamish McIntyre  
**Chair:** Justin Schultz                      **Minutes:** Amanda Hicks

Agenda Items		
Item No.	Agenda Item	Action Point
1.	Minutes from last meeting read by Justin and accepted	No Action
2.	Meeting Frequency, timing and forward dates Agreed that four meetings per year be held.	JS to plan forward dates for future meetings
3.	IAC make up- do we need council/ community representation Invite a council representative to a meeting as a customer to provide a brief overview on how things are run and to give them a better idea on how to manage their water account better for their customers. Luke suggested he would also like to keep them informed on LMA progress but this may be better to do at their council meeting.  Justin advised that there is an interest from others to attend/ become member of this IAC meeting.	JS to communicate with council and invite a representative to the next meeting.  JS to invite the interested irrigator to the next meeting
4.	Channel Harvesting – event recap Discussion held regarding recent channel harvesting event. Overall response was everyone was extremely pleased with the way things went. Delivery wise, the scheme worked very well. Pleased that channels have been desilted, so that appeared to work well with operation and limited bottle necks. Praise made to the water officers and how they were able to get the scheme to deliver peak flow to across the area.  Glen Rogan concerned about his account at the end of WH, bucket seemed to be over full and then taken off.	JS to have a look at Glen Rogan's account and provide feedback.

<p>5.</p>	<p>R&amp;E Update- -Bowhay Bridge JS gave a brief overview on the progress of Buckinbah Bridge. Bridge is ordered, with expected delivery 4<sup>th</sup> January. Increased costs possible for the foundation design as it is a much larger design than was originally estimated. Estimated costs increase is 200-300K.</p> <p>-Thuraggi Outlet Works Currently on Hold due to storage levels. There are currently drillers on site drilling 3 piezometers which will help determine where the foundation pressure is coming from. Should be finished by end of this week. Once this is completed, work will still be required on Outlet. But will be better informed on how to move forward with the solution</p> <p>-Electrical upgrades JTW and BMD New cable and switchboards have been installed at BMD. The operation team currently liaising with the project manager as cable trays need covers to prevent birds chewing on cables. Lighting and cables to be replaced in December at JTW</p>	<p>JS to inform on progress</p> <p>JS to advise on progress</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Third party access to SunWater land SunWater have identified that irrigators have been accessing our land as part of their daily operations. A draft form is currently in progress for an Application for Licence/Permit for a structural and access agreement, particularly for irrigators, ergon and council.</p> <p>It is intended to capture all these parties that are using our land/ infrastructure and enter into an agreement/ license so that both parties are covered for the access.</p>	<p>Irrigators support getting these issues on the table and finalised.</p> <p>JS to advise on progress once finalised</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Beardmore Dam recreational facilities Justin gave a brief overview about maintaining BMD rec area. Sunwater is currently trying to have a policy in place. JS has had discussions with council regarding viewing platform, boat ramp, keeping grounds green. Support from irrigators to pay up to \$0.5/ML of bulk water charge as long as they can see the maintenance is happening.</p>	<p>Continue discussion with all parties as there is a willingness to participate from the irrigators perspective</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Thuraggi channel operation during floods events Currently the design manual states 1350ML/day. Demand down the system is 2000ML/day. Two main issues around how the water is shared if restrictions are required and who pays for maintenance of the channel from damage of the larger flows. Luke suggested a further discussion needs to be had on this topic</p>	<p>JS to propose a plan/process and advise</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Telecommunications Glen Rogan wanted to know about SunWater’s needs regarding telecommunications. Justin advised that SunWater’s communication requirements are being met.</p>	<p>No Action</p>



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10.	LMA Update Luke advised that an offer has been received and the Board is quite happy. No further information can be released about the amount at the moment. Once the offer/letter is received and signed off, an announcement will be released, possibly mid to end of January.	No Action
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**Next Meeting:**

Date: February 2017  
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm  
Location: St George Office – Meeting Room