

MINUTES OF MEETING – 18 November 2015

Meeting opened by Mark Mammino at 8:30am at the SunWater Workshop Bundaberg

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Chairperson IAC
Dale Holliss	Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Committee
Peter Hockings	B F V G Association
Wayne Stanley	Isis Canegrowers
Selwyn Bengston	Gin Gin, Bingera & Abbotsford IAC
Neville Wogandt	Service Manager IS – SunWater Bundaberg
Tony Reynolds	Senior Administrator IS - SunWater Bundaberg
Milton Pukallus	Service Manager BW - SunWater Bundaberg
Darren Large	Operations Supervisor IS - SunWater Bundaberg
Colin Bendall	Manager Service Delivery IS - SunWater
Observers	

Apologies

Geoff Chivers; Maurie Maughan; Peter Russo; Anthony Rehbein; Allan Mahoney and Lachlan Donovan

Agenda

- Storage Position
- Review Network Service Plans for 2015
- Review of R&E Works Profiling outer Years
- Ben Anderson Barrage – Works
- Maintenance Works Acrolein – Undertaken / Planned
- Channel Access Roads
- IAC Membership
- General Business

Storage Position

All storage information is regularly updated on the SunWater website.

A new SunWater App will be released later this year. It will be supported on Android and Apple platforms for local communities living near SunWater dams, weirs and waterways. This will have information about important operational and emergency information.

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Milton also demonstrated a new online tool for each of SunWater's 19 dams available on SunWater's website at www.sunwater.com.au/schemes. By selecting the "Forecast Storage Models" link in the right menu, members of the public are given an understanding of how a range of inflow scenarios might affect future dam water storage volumes.

The tool shows a graph of the future 12 month dam volumes for two different dam inflow scenarios. The first shows the dam volumes that could be expected under the average monthly inflows that relate to each dam. The second is a much drier scenario and shows the dam volumes that might be possible under the minimum monthly inflows that have been experienced for each dam.

Review Network Service Plans For 2015

Each Service Manager presented performance reports and went through the document providing commentary on the contents and seeking feedback.

No significant issues were forthcoming, however members were asked to review the documents and to come back to Milton or Nev with any issues or points that required further clarification or discussion. There is also available the e-mail address to utilise - nspfeedback@sunwater.com.au

Review of R&E Works Profiling outer Years

Col Bendall presented details of a proposed SunWater 30 year asset management strategy. A significant amount of work has gone into improving the profiling the R&E outer years spend. This levelling of expenditure will assist in the overall management of the R&E program. General agreement amongst the attendees was that this strategy had some beneficial and practical elements.

Ben Anderson Barrage – Works

Milton presented a short PowerPoint presentation on works undertaken on the barrage for those who were unable to attend the site visit last month.

Maintenance Works Acrolein – Undertaken / Planned

There have been two Acrolein injections thus far this year. A third is planned for the 3rd quarter of 2015-2016 with a final decision on a 4th injection to be made as the financial year draws to a close. The cost per drum has significantly increased with one drum in 2010 costing \$5,300 and the latest quote for next delivery in March of 2016 at \$7,980 per drum. Good news is that this price is fixed until January 2018 as per procurement contract 15SW4684 with Alligare Australia.

Channel Access Roads

SunWater has a number of surveillance cameras on the channels to try and identify individuals who have been accessing and damaging channel roads and swimming in channels. This unauthorised access creates safety and maintenance issues for SunWater. Monitoring and reporting to police (when required) will continue.

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IAC Membership

It was felt the existing IAC membership had reached the end of its tenure and new membership is required.

An IAC meeting will need to be called early in 2016 to start preparations for notices and voting options to proceed to elections if required. This may involve expressions of interest and also confirmation of the make-up of subsets of memberships representing irrigators. SunWater to provide support as required.

General Business

Thank you to Neville Wogandt

On behalf of the IAC, Mark congratulated Nev on the announcement of his retirement and gratefully acknowledged the contribution that Nev had made to the Bundaberg Irrigation Area since taking over the Area Operations Manager position in December 2009. During that time Nev has provided an open communication channel between SunWater and the IAC. His involvement in the Local Management Arrangement process was also appreciated by the irrigators.

Next Meeting

TBA

Meeting closed at 10:30am

N Wogandt

Service Manager (IS - Bundaberg)