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**MINUTES OF MEETING – 07 May 2015**


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Meeting opened by Mark Mammino at 9:05am at the SunWater Office Bundaberg

### Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Chairperson IAC
Kelvin Griffin	IAC
Anthony Rehbein	B F V G Association
Peter Maidment	Bundaberg Sugar
Dale Holliss	Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Committee
Peter Hockings	B F V G Association
Selwyn Bengston	Gin Gin, Bingera & Abbotsford IAC
Ian Putt	Isis Canegrowers
Tony Reynolds	SunWater
Milton Pukallus	SunWater
Darren Large	SunWater
Observers	

### Apologies

Neville Wogandt

### Agenda

- NSP Presentation 2015 -2016 ( Irrigation Systems and Bulk Water )
- Scheme Maintenance – Channel Closedown
- Ben Anderson Barrage Repairs – Update
- General Business

### Ben Anderson Barrage Repairs – Update

Milton provided some information regarding the proposed repair works being undertaken by contractors. Notices have been sent to Bulk Water river customers, news articles have appeared in recent weeks in local press and information is available on the SunWater web-site.

<http://www.sunwater.com.au/about-sunwater/media-room/latest-news/latest-news/2015/flood-repairs-planned-for-ben-anderson-barrage>

Works will commence during May and continue to August 2015. Storage levels are to be lowered by approximately 2.0 metres to allow safe access for workers.

Mark Mammino requested a site visit by interested IAC members once works commence. Main entry and works area will be based at the Left Bank so Milton suggested a safe viewing area on the Right Bank above the Barrage. Milton will organise this to occur.

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#### **NSP Presentation 2016 (Bulk Water)**

Milton distributed copies of the draft 2016 Annual Network Service Plan – Bundaberg Bulk Water and reviewed the document.

Of the “top five” Non-Routine Projects 2016, Milton advised the \$126k for the EAP accommodation had been removed. There had also been considerable discussions with SunWater’s Asset Management team regarding the “Other works” and this draft plan will alter significantly upon final production due to review and removal of further works.

The large negative Annuity Balance will improve once proceeds of insurance claims are received by SunWater. Concern was expressed by IAC members regarding the length of time taken to resolve the claim and the impacts of insurance claims on the Annuity. Milton advised this was a concern throughout the entire state and would forward this question to the feedback team for a response. It was also commented that the insurers required detailed information regarding the state of the assets prior to and after the flood events.

**Around 09:30am** – Milton Pukallus left the meeting

#### **NSP Presentation 2016 (Irrigation Systems)**

Tony distributed copies of the 2014 Annual Performance Report – Bundaberg Distribution” and reviewed the document. This is an opportunity to provide consultation with the IAC and seek feedback from customers.

Concern was expressed as to the impact of Acrolein costs on Routine Operating Expenditure and discussion centred on the USD vs AUD pricing and the imported chemical quantities required by SunWater for weed management. One proposed injection for 2015 would not be undertaken to assist with cost reduction.

The insurance claims affecting expenditure on Non-Routine Operations was also a concern to the IAC. Some discussion took place regarding the length of time taken to resolve any claims. Tony and Darren explained the intricacies of identifying and agreeing with the insurers any “start and stop” points during the claims process. It was also commented the insurers required detailed information regarding the state of the assets prior to and after the flood events.

As referred earlier, Milton will submit a question on notice surrounding the impacts of insurance claims on the Annuity Balance.

Tony informed the meeting that SunWater was working towards achieving the QCA targets by the end of the current price path period. Some options analysis projects and valve refurbishment projects have been removed from the list of “Other Works” in Table 6 – Non-Routine Works 2016. IAC members expressed concern that projects being reviewed, and potentially cut or reduced, to reach QCA targets could create a risk of assets being progressively “under-mined”.

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**Scheme Maintenance – Channel Closedown**

Minimal discussion on this as IAC had already reviewed the shutdown timetable and distributed information to their members.

Tony reminded those present most of the works would be condition assessments on assets that were normally submerged or pressurised; corrosion repairs to gates and inlet screens; de-silting; mechanical and electrical maintenance.

**General Business**

***Thank you from Bundaberg Irrigators***

Dale Holliss wanted to express a thankyou to SunWater operators and local management for the handling of the potential supply issues in March relating to Walker Street Pump Station on behalf of Woongarra irrigators. In particular, the communication and information provided to the IAC chair and others regarding the impact to irrigators, operational activities during the period and proposed options to minimise risks was very much appreciated.

***Visit to next IAC meeting by SunWater senior executives***

Dale Holliss asked if it was possible to have a member of the SunWater Senior Executive Management (SMT) attend the next IAC meeting. One or more of Peter Boettcher, Tom Vanderbyl or Colin Bendall are invited to attend.

Dale thought this would be an opportunity to hear from SMT members regarding future financial and operational plans for the Bundaberg Irrigation Area. Of interest was the reducing CSO balance in the Annuities Table of the NSP and the continued reduction in overall spend for each service contract.

A date during August was suggested with the intention of giving all members and SW staff the opportunity to set aside the date in calendars/work activities.

**Next Meeting**

TBA (most likely August 2015)

**Meeting closed at 10:30am**

T Reynolds

(Acting) Service Manager (I.S)