



MINUTES OF MEETING – 1 October 2014

Meeting opened by Mark Mammino at 9:15am at the SunWater Office Bundaberg

Present

Attendees	Representation
Mark Mammino	Chairperson IAC
Kelvin Griffin	IAC
Peter Russo	IAC
John Gollinge	Proxy – G Chivers
Peter Hockings	BFGV
Mark Wheeler	DNRM
Amanda Casey	DNRM
Chris Schmalfluss	DNRM
Selwyn Bengston	Gin Gin, Bingera & Abbotsford IAC
Tony Reynolds	SunWater
Nev Wogandt	SunWater
Darren Large	SunWater
Joe Lyons	IAC
Observers	

Apologies

- Geoff Chivers
- Anthony Rehbein
- Milton Pukallus
- Wayne Stanley
- Peter Maidment

Agenda

- Presentation from DNRM – Update Burnett Basin WRP
- DNRM Update Burnett Water Quality Situation
- Feedback on Maintenance Closedown – Works Undertaken
- Commencement of R&E Works for 2014 /15
- General business

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Update Burnett Basin WRP

A presentation was provided by the DNRM staff in relation to the WRP and in particular the Bundaberg Water Supply scheme.

An information document was provided and is attached to these minutes as a separate document.

Update Burnett Water Quality Situation

The water quality is poor and will inevitably have effects on all crops. Water quality is being monitored from various sites across the region.

In the Lower Burnett sites include Burnett River at Fig Tree, Isis Balancing Storage, Burnett River at Woongarra Pump Station and the Woongarra Balancing Storage.

Sites being monitored in the North Burnett include Burnett River at Eidsvold, Boyne River at Darra, Burnett River at Jones Weir Tail Water, Gayndah Flume, Barambah Creek, Ban Ban and Burnett River at Mt Lawless.

Following extended discussion this and additional Information regarding water quality can be accessed on the Burnett Mary Regional Group's (BMRG) web site www.bmrg.org.au

Ground and Surface Water Reforms

DNRM staff referred to and discussed the content of a handout on Ground and Surface Water reforms .More information is available from www.dnrm.qld.gov.au or by calling 13QGOV (137468)

Feedback on Maintenance Closedown – Works Undertaken

A Power Point presentation was delivered with discussion on the recently completed channel scheme maintenance closedown.

Main Projects undertaken included:

- Channel de-weeding
- Regulator gate maintenance including patch painting and operational adjustments
- Refurbishment of weed screens and safety screens.
- Extensive condition monitoring and assessment for future maintenance programs.
- Lowering of balancing storages for improved weed control
- Installation of new customer funded meters

Commencement of R&E Works for 2014/15

An update was provided to the committee in relation to the Renewals and Enhancement Program for the 2014/2015 year, which are identified within the Network Service Plans for the Bundaberg Channel Scheme.

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Major works being undertaken included:

- Installing the final 120m length of pipeline on F06. This work will be undertaken in October 2014 and materials are on hand.
- Overhaul of a pump and motor at the Walker Street Pump Station
- Overhaul of pump 5 at Woongarra Pump Station. This pump is due to be reinstalled on the 9 October 2014.
- Refurbishment of safety screens and weed screens as identified from previous years condition assessments.

General Business

Acrolein Weed Control

The meeting was updated on the Acrolein Weed Control Program and in particular the need to be vigilant when the channels are being treated in their section. Members are asked to relay the message to their constituents that if they see any persons accessing water to report the activities to SunWater in the first instance.

SunWater to discuss with local media outlets about the potential for a community safety campaign / advertising regarding channel safety.

Water Requirements in Excess of Individual Allocation

Committee members were shown where to access information from the SunWater website in relation to accessing additional water if required. IAC members were asked to assist growers in their section by asking them to log on to the SunWater website should they require access to additional water. Irrigators are asked to source additional water before they exceed their entitlements. The link to the SunWater website is www.sunwater.com.au

Paradise Dam Repairs

As no Bulk Water representatives were at the meeting Nev and Tony advised that the initial dissipator repairs had been completed. Stage two has commenced which is the Hydro, Mechanical and Electrical works. Other planned stages involve detailed engineering studies and monitoring programme.

Tony advised further information will be publicly available when the 2013-2014 SunWater Annual Report is released later this month.

Next Meeting

TBA

Meeting closed at 11:10am

N Wogandt
Service Manager (I.S)