

DAWSON VALLEY IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 18 September 2014

Meeting opened by Nev Wogandt at 8:45am.

Present

Attendees	Representation
Trevor Brownlie	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Peter French	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Harrod Anderson	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Robert Hutchinson	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Nev Wogandt	SunWater – Service Manager (IS)
Peter Tweed	SunWater – Service Supervisor Theodore (IS)
Milton Pukallus	SunWater – Service Manager (BW)
Steve Keyworth	SunWater - Operator Dawson Valley (BW)

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Agenda

- Current water storage situation – Weir update
 - Renewals Works Net Work Service plan – Update
 - I.A.C – Membership
 - Channel Scheme - Maintenance Activities
1. Slashing contract - Discussion
 2. Chemical Weed Control – Discussion
 3. Standing Offer Arrangements for services – Discussion

3. Previous minutes

Not reviewed at this meeting.

4. Current water storage situation – Weir Update

In general terms the water storage situation is in a similar position to the start of the 2013 season. Weir storage levels are as follows:

As at 17/09/2014	<u>Storage ML</u>	<u>%</u>
Glebe	5,687	32
Gyranda	6,938	42
Theodore	4,528	95
Moura	5,825	78
Neville Hewitt	8,615	76

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Orange Creek Weir

A discussion was held regarding the future options for Orange Creek Weir in response to a letter sent to the IAC members recently. The proposal put forward was to investigate the condition and determine refurbishment work. In general it was felt that the work was not warranted and that the weir should be reinstated, including replacing the outlet gate, for minimal outlay. The basis for the investigation works was that the condition of the weir needed to be established definitively to ensure all risks could be clearly identified. The group felt there was not adequate information to consider the proposal fully and requested additional information be provided. It was resolved that another meeting would be organised with attendance by the appropriate SunWater engineer to fully present the proposal and the reasoning.

5. Renewals work Network Service Plans

An update was provided for the 7 projects in the renewals program for the Irrigation area for the 2014 – 2015 year. Work has commenced on 2 of the projects and the planning and securing material for three others has commenced. Work has commenced on sourcing the pipework and valves for the Gibber Gunyah Pump #2. Some issues with the age and the availability of the valves and no dismantling joints are currently being addressed. The meter outlet for D channel offtake is currently under investigation and is planned for installation in the closedown in early 2015.

6. IAC Membership

There are currently two vacancies within the IAC, both representing river sections.

Section 1 is vacant – Glebe Weir to Theodore Weir Wall and Section 5 Neville Hewitt Weir to the McKenzie River Junction.

Following discussion the committee asked to have all positions declared vacant and to seek nominations from irrigators throughout the Dawson Valley Irrigation Scheme.

The IAC representation is made up of the following sections with 1 elected member in each section.

Section 1

Glebe Weir to Theodore Weir Wall - 1 representative

Section 2

Theodore Irrigation Section - 2 representatives

Section 3

Gibber Gunyah Irrigation Section - 1 representative

Section 4

Theodore Weir to Howards Water Hole - 1 representative

Section 5

Neville Hewitt Weir Storage to McKenzie River Junction - 1 representative

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Action – Neville Wogandt to arrange for nominations from irrigators for membership of the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme IAC.

7. Slashing Contract – Discussion

The committee was advised that the Slashing contract for the Scheme expired on the 30 June 2014. Options discussed with the committee for future slashing works included

1. Seeking expressions of interest from possible local contractors
2. SunWater purchasing a slasher and then hiring a tractor and carryout the slashing work with current SunWater personnel.

Action - Neville Wogandt and Peter Tweed to follow up and seek out options.

8. Chemical Weed Control

Discussion centred on the chemical weed control program that had just been completed for the channels and drains and its effectiveness. This year's program was a refined version of the previous years program. Feedback was the program was a success and will be adopted in following years. It is hoped that the program will continue to improve on the effectiveness of the treatments.

9. Standing Offer Arrangements (SOA)

The committee was updated on the SOA for the supply of goods and services to SunWater. Currently work is underway on the provision to supply of Electrical services which would include work on the Theodore and Gibber Gonyah Pump Stations. Requests to supply other goods and services will be sought in the near future.

Chairperson

Service Manager

Date

Date