

LOWER MARY IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2014

Meeting opened by Nev Wogandt at 09:15am

Present

Attendees	Representation
Adrian Ross	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Trevor Crook	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Barry Frederiksen	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Trevor Turner	Canegrowers Sect.
Jeff Schmidt	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Alan Otto	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Neville Wogandt	SunWater – Service Manager (IS)
Andrew Morris	SunWater – Planner - Operator Lower Mary

1. Apologies

Roy Goldenstein - SunWater , Andrew Maughan – SunWater (BW)

2. Agenda

- Previous Minutes
- Current Water Storage Situation
- Feedback on Maintenance Closedown – Works Undertaken and Additional work to be undertaken
- NSP Feedback 2013- 2014 (Irrigation Systems and Bulk Water)
- Process for Acquiring additional Water – Temporary Transfers
- General Business

3. Previous minutes

- Reviewed with no business arising

4. Current Water Storage Situation

As at 27/11/2014	<u>Storage ML</u>	<u>%</u>
Mary Barrage	10,700	96
Tinana Barrage	3,950	83

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5. Feedback on Maintenance Closedown – Works Undertaken and Additional work to be undertaken

- Discussion and wrap up of the closedown held in May was reviewed photos of works completed are in Doc# 1566958 .No significant issues were identified however the planning for the program in 2015 has commenced. The planned closedown times will be discussed with the IAC in early 2015.

6. Review of the Network Service Plans (NSP)

- The 2014 NSP's for Irrigation systems and Bulk water was reviewed. The committee were advised that the NSP's were on the SunWater internet so easily accessible to all customers.
- No significant issues were forthcoming, however members were asked to review the documents and to come back with any issues or points that required further clarification or discussion. Noted that operational costs were above budget however this is also reflective of the additional water use and costs to deliver .Issues with power supplies early in the main irrigation season was also an issue, however was resolved with Ergon. The preventative costs were below budget however were not of concern .Electricity costs were also ahead of budget due to the additional water use . Power supplies to the Walker Point Pump station were not an issues or a cause of additional costs
- Discussion on the proposed electrical component replacement for Owanayilla and Walker point Pump Stations were discussed .It is noted that the refurbishments are in from the 2018 year.
- The basis for replacement is worked out with condition assessments and risk profiles.
- The meeting was advised that work will be commencing on the rock protection at the Mary Barrage in the next week .
- A question was asked in relation to the Tinana Barrage left bank protection works as it was thought that some work to tie in the rock protection was planned .*Follow up and report*

7. Process for Acquiring additional Water – Temporary Transfers

- Irrigators are reminded to monitor water use and to seek temporary transfers from irrigators before they use up their own water allocations. Not getting Temporary Transfers to keep their water balances positive can result in a breach of the contract . Information of the availability of Temporary Transfers can be found on the web site .

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8. General Business

- The committee were advised that the NSP's were on the SunWater internet so easily accessible to all customers. The comments and SunWater feedback for the previous consultation regarding NSP's was also on the web site.
- Comment that the works required to be done at pump stations for electrical upgrades should be reflected as any hand over to local management would incur these upgrade costs if SunWater has not done the works.
- The IAC were advised of the protection works to be undertaken at the Mary barrage .

Meeting Closed 10:35am

Chairperson

Service Manager

Date

Date