

Macintyre Brook IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF MEETING – 11 May 2011

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

Present

Attendees	Representation
Dali Doljanin	Committee Member
Matthew Oxenford	Committee Member
Graham Bond	Committee Member
Andrew Hooker	Committee Member
Anthony Doljanin	Committee Member
Graham Hargreaves	SunWater
Petrina Douglas	SunWater

1. Apologies

Rick McDougall

2. Welcome

Graham introduced himself as the Service Manager and informed the committee of his current duties and his history. Petrina introduced herself to the committee and informed them of her role and experience with SunWater. Graham gave a brief insight into the agenda for the evening.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were not presented.

4. Code of Conduct

SunWater tabled a document in relation to meeting code of conduct.

5. Refurbishment and Enhancement (R&E) Program

Graham discussed the process for R&E Program; how it works, where it comes from, and the vision for the future, in bringing this information to the meetings.

The planned R&E work for the current financial year was tabled along with the proposed R&E program for the next financial year.

Discussion centred on a couple of issues, firstly Greenup Weir. Graham advised that at present there was no money going to be spent on Greenup Weir and asked what the general feeling was. Consensus was that as long as the irrigators have access to pump water then Greenup is of no benefit and there is no economical benefit in spending any money on it.

The second discussion was in relation to the painting of gates at Coolmunda Dam and the preferred shut downtime. The committee advised that the last 2 weeks of August would be preferable, however, as long as plenty of notice to irrigators was given.

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Action: send notice to irrigators within the next couple of weeks and then a reminder closer to the event.

6. Flood Events

Graham informed the committee on the flood damage and planned repairs. A flood damage repair costing for the current financial year was tabled.

7. Other Business

Interscheme Water Trading

The current draft Interscheme Water trading procedures were discussed along with suggestions to improve the current draft. Petrina is to email a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Macintyre Brook WSS ROL holder and the Border Rivers WSS ROL holder as per the ROP to the committee members along with the improved draft procedures.

Carryover of CAP

In the past, SunWater's Gordon Delaney had been in discussions with Department of Environment and Resource Management in relation to the Carryover of CAP. Apparently the outcome was to revisit this when the climate was right.

Action: Petrina/Graham to follow up with Gordon.

Shed Meetings

SunWater's vision Shed meetings was discussed along with the plan to have shed meetings planned for 12 months in advance. Petrina advised that the 12 month plan of Shed meetings will be available on SunWater's website for the new water year.

Picnic Areas

Graham advised that negotiations were underway with the Council to take over both picnic areas at Coolmunda Dam.

8. Next Meeting Date

When the Interscheme Trading Rules have been amended, if necessary. Otherwise, as required, an agenda and date claimer will be forwarded to IAC members.

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm

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Chairperson

Date

SunWater Manager

Date