

# Mareeba Dimbulah Irrigation Area Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING – 28 October 2013

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Meeting opened at 1.15pm

### Present:

Attendees	Representation
Joe Moro	Mareeba Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
Bronwyn Dwyer	Secretary
Brad Maisel	Channels/Pipelines – Central Area
Makse Srhoj	Barron River Catchment Supplemented Streams
Shaun Fassio	NQ Co-op (arrived: 10.25am)
Maryann Salvetti	Channels/Pipelines – Eastern Area
Karen Muccignat	Relift Area
Kylie Collins	Channels/ Pipelines – Western Area
Charlie Martens	Arrived 2.02pm – left 3.05pm

### 1. Apologies:

Berto Srhoj	Mitchell Catchment Supplemented Streams
Karen Muccignat	Relift Area
Evan McGrath	Tableland Regional Council

### 2. Previous Minutes & Action List:

- Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> July 13 Meeting were *Moved: Brad Maisel, Seconded: Makse Srhoj as a true and correct record. Carried.*

- Action List: Tabled.

Jul 8.1 & Jul 8.2: Hold over until next meeting

**Action: Bronwyn to put water license & entitlement issues on Agenda for next meeting**

### 3. Correspondence:

- Correspondence Log: *The Committee Resolved to accept the correspondence log*

### 4. Local Management Update:

- Joe went through presentation provided at stakeholders meetings

- Need to include money for some balancing storages at end of systems to reduce losses in separation payment

### 5. SunWater Report:

- Shutdowns: 5 day shutdown Price Creek at end Feb

- There are some 1 and 2 day shutdowns planned for maintenance / inspections in Feb / March

- Prices Creek Pumps: One of the motors died and was down to 1 pump. SunWater let people know by SMS. Have replaced the motor so both pumps are working now.

- Water Ordering: Ongoing issue. Turned off 6 people who had not ordered water in 1 night during spot night audit of Southedge area. Found wire wedged in one meter that customer has been sent a letter. Water ordering in that area has improved slightly since then.

- Stream harvesting of water to non-supplemented streams is compounding delivery issues in the Emerald Creek area making it more important to order water

- Upcoming Shed Meetings. Look at having a shed meeting in the Emerald Creek Area. Joe happy to be there with Charlie

- WB10 pipeline meeting with the 3 irrigators on that pipeline re water roster

- Barron River Releases: 145ml/day at moment. If there is storm activity at Myola may affect that

- Refurbishment Program: Pump Station at price creek, fencing, valving

- Scada system audit carried out. Overall not too bad, upgrade power supplies of some sites, recommissioning of some sites. Some of the weirs not working at all.

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- Liability of Using Channel Accesses: To use a Channel access SunWater requires to see the users' public liability, requires them to sign an indemnity and partake in an induction.
- New SunWater Structure: Bulk water has been split off into its own department so the two employees looking after the dam and Barron River will report to Townsville not Mareeba.
- Bad Channel leak on corner of Chettle and Springmount Road at the T intersection

**Action: Charlie will have a look**

- Maisel, Salvetti and MSF are asking for the channel on the mud road to be locked.
- To enable you to keep using it would need to see the public liability of each landholder, sign indemnity if you break it you fix it and an induction for those who use it

**Action: Charlie to check the land tenure on that road and will follow up**

### 6. Barron ROP Review Update:

- Last meeting was about groundwater management area B so not relevant to the scheme. As a result of that meeting DNR&M will be remodelling the groundwater in that area
- Concern that large companies with money are going to go to Govt. to get water from Tinaroo and reduce our reliability. Joe and Shaun need to be wary of this during the ROP Review Process
- Carryover rule is on the agenda but has not yet been discussed. Need to remove the 75% rule

### 7. Other Business:

### 9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items:

- TBC

Meeting closed: 3.20pm