

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Anglican Church Hall, Ruby Street, Emerald

Attendees:

Attendees	Representation
Robert Ingram	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Neville Brownlie	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Nigel Burnett	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Les Fluerty	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Matthew Barnes	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Neek Morawitz	Irrigator Advisory Committee
Anne- Marie O'Callaghan	Fairbairn Irrigation Network
Ross Burnett	Fairbairn Irrigation Network
Peter Galea	Fairbairn Irrigation Network
Emma McCullagh	Fairbairn Irrigation Network
Melinda Rohl	Fairbairn Irrigation Network
Peter Manning	Central Highlands Regional Council
Jason Smith	Sunwater Operations Manager - Emerald
Daryl Conway	Sunwater Operations Manager - Biloela
William Weaver	Sunwater Area Operations Manager - Central
Donna Lewis	Sunwater Scheduler/Administrator - Emerald
Steve Gibson	Sunwater Project Manager

Apologies: Paul Wortley, David McDougall, Hamish Millar

Chair: Robert Ingram

Minutes: Donna Lewis

Agenda Items		
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1.	Introduction, Review Agenda and welcome guests At 10:10am Robert Ingram welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Fairbairn Dam Improvement Project (FDIP) Update Steve Gibson gave update. Points of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project is ahead of schedule	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Crest Anchors trials completed & issued for final pricing • 676 of 997 Passive Anchors installed (68% complete) • 16 Foundation Panels completed & 4 in progress. Scheduled for completion by September ahead of the 2019/2020 wet season. Second tier of the sidewalls progressing in parallel. 	
3.	<p>Current Water Status</p> <p>Daryl Conway & Jason Smith gave update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairbairn Dam currently 21% capacity • Copy of proposed May Information Bulletin given to attendees. • Announced Allocation Forecast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenario using different dam levels, estimated use to end of Financial Year, carryover and losses shows prediction to be 100% High Priority & 0% Medium Priority at 1 July. This is prediction only. - Les Fluerty suggested that in the May Bulletin there needs to be a reminder that water customers can't carry over 'Carryover'. - Emma McCullagh suggested to add the carryover scenario calculation to the bulletin. - Meter readings will be completed toward the end of June however if customers wish to record water used up to and including 30 June as being used in the 2018-2019 water year, they can enter on Sunwater Online, fax or phone ensuring they include offtake numbers & photo of the meter dial. Instructions will be in the May Bulletin. 	<p>Action Point 1</p> <p>Action Point 2</p>
4.	<p>Next Financial Year Shutdowns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shutdowns are currently planned for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selma Weir – 1 July to 21 July 2019 - River – 15 July to 30 July 2019 - Weemah Weir – 15 July to 30 July 2019 • Jason Smith is planning to have a shed meeting with Weemah customers next week to discuss the possibility of extending the shutdown i.e. bring the start date back to 7 July. This would enable a three-week shutdown which is much more beneficial for weed kill. 	

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5.	<p>Fairbairn Irrigation Network (FIN) Update</p> <p>Anne-Marie O’Callaghan gave an update regarding transition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melinda Rohl is busy getting all the necessary systems in place. • Sunwater and FIN Board are meeting with Emerald staff this afternoon to provide their transition paperwork. • A Welcome/Information Pack will be sent out to all customers in June. • Day to day operations will not change. • Support from Sunwater will remain – the agreement provides 2 years for requesting documents etc. • LN1 will stay with Sunwater. • Customer access to accounts online is a work in progress for FIN. • Water ordering for the river customers will change from 1 July. • Water prices are listed in the FIN Offer Document. <p>Irrigator Advisory Committee (IAC) Meetings Post Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAC & FIN will work closely • Representation will be similar to current sections • A new charter will be put in place 	
6.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Robert Ingram asked the outcome of the Selma Lining Trial. William Weaver advised that there is no official outcome yet however, it is unlikely that the rest of the project will go ahead under the current guidelines. Anne-Marie O’Callaghan advised that FIN and Sunwater will approach DNRME to discuss the possibility of future funding.</p>	Action Point 3
7.	<p>Meeting Closed</p> <p>Meeting closed 12:00pm.</p>	

Open Action Item Summary			
Ref No.	Description	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Add reminder to bulletin that customers cannot carry over carryover.	Jason Smith	22/5/19

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2	Add the carryover scenario calculation to the bulletin prior to publishment	Jason Smith	22/5/19
3	Provide Lining trial expenditure versus budget. Ensure FIN receive lining project design and pondage test results for future use.	William Weaver	31/5/19

Next Meeting:

Date: Mid to end of July 2019
Time: TBA
Location: TBA