



Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 16 October 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Leyburn Pub

Attendees John Kelly, SunWater Area Operations Manager, Goondiwindi
Darrell McKinlay, Senior Operator Maintainer, Upper Condamine
Richard Jubb, Irrigator Advisory Committee (IAC) Member
Lyn Brazil, IAC Member
Des Cantwell (Proxy for Gary Cooper)

Apologies: Lindsay Krieg, IAC Chair
Gary Cooper, IAC Member
Fraser Bligh, IAC Member
Johannes Roellgen, IAC Member

Chair: Lindsay Krieg

Minutes: John Kelly

Item No.	Item	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Chair
2.	Apologies	Chair
3.	Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Chair
4.	Business arising from Previous Minutes	Chair
5.	Agenda Items	
6.	Water Storage Update	John Kelly
7.	2018 R&E Program Update	John Kelly
8.	Budget position – Expenditure 1 July-30 Sept 2018	John Kelly
9.	5yr Research & Extension program review	John Kelly
10.	General Business	All

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opening the meeting at 10:15am and welcomed the IAC members and thanked them for their attendance.

Agenda Item 2 - Apologies

Lindsay Krieg, Gary Cooper, Fraser Bligh and Johannes Roellgen

Agenda Item 3 – Review of previous minutes

The meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on 11 June were reviewed and accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Lyn Brazil, Seconded: Richard Jubb

Agenda Item 4 – Business arising from previous minutes

SunWater advised that it had still not received the referral notice in relation to the Irrigation Water Pricing Review but was expecting it in the next week or so.

Discussion was had on the Water Sharing Rules and SunWater's submission into the WPR review in relation to the short term Announced Allocation rule. This rule would allow an announcement to be made over a period shorter than 12 months and would essentially allow for a higher announcement over a shorter period of time rather than a lower announcement for the full 12 month period. SunWater advised the IAC that this rule is used in the Boyne River and works well, particularly for customers who have storages. The IAC raised concerns over how this would work for customers who do not have storages, particularly in the upper part of the scheme. SunWater advised that each scenario would need to be considered on a case by case basis and discussed with the IAC with a view to providing benefit to as many customers as possible.

Agenda Item 6 – Water Storage Update

SunWater advised that the current storage volume of Leslie Dam is 9.4% or approximately 10,120ML.

Agenda Item 7 – 2018 R&E program update

SunWater provided the committee with an update on progress of the current R&E program as detailed in the attachment to the minutes.

Agenda Item 8 – Budget position 1 July – 20 Sept 2018

SunWater provided the committee with the financial position for the scheme after the first quarter of the financial year as detailed in the attachment to the minutes. Expenditure in Operations is below budget while the preventative and corrective maintenance expenditure is slightly over budget, scheme revenue is slightly behind budget and the scheme profit is slightly below budget.

Agenda Item 9 – 5yr R&E program review

SunWater provided the committee with a copy of the 5yr R&E program as it currently stands (and as detailed in the attachment to the minutes), for review. SunWater advised the committee that it was finalising the plan in the coming month for budgeting purposes and sort the committees input into the

program and welcomed any projects to be challenged. In addition, if there were projects the committee thought SunWater should be progressing to let SunWater know so we could consider them in the context of the 5yr program.

SunWater advised there were a few projects that would be pushed across to corrective maintenance as the rigor around project management that R&E projects attract would not be warranted for these simple projects (e.g. replacing air conditioners, replacing air valves etc).

The 5yr program was endorsed by the committee. Moved: Richard Jubb, Seconded: Des Cantwell

Agenda Item 10 – General Business

At the previous IAC meeting, SunWater was requested to provide further detail on the volumes of allocation water that were met by streamflow events as opposed to releases from the dam. SunWater advised that of the 17,891ML delivered for irrigation in 2016-2017, releases from the dam totalled 10,274ML and as such 7,617ML of water was delivered from streamflows. It was noted however that the 10,274 ML released from the dam was inclusive of losses and as such the volume taken via streamflows would be even higher.

Action: SunWater to provide further details on volumes taken as streamflow in previous water years.

Meeting Closed – 11:30am