



SUMMARY OF THE ORDINARY BOARD MEETING #OM4:11/12 for GWMWater held Wednesday, 5 October 2011

The newly appointed Chairman, Peter Vogel, welcomed the new Board of Directors to their first meeting.

The Board noted and confirmed the appointment by the Minister for Water of Directors Vivienne Ngyuen, Leo Delahunty, Reid Mather, Chris Hewitt and Peter Vogel to the Board of GWMWater. The appointment by the Minister for Water of Peter Vogel as Chairperson was also noted and confirmed.

Director Chris Hewitt was nominated for the position of Deputy Chairperson, which was accepted and endorsed by the Board.

Appointments to standing committees of the Board were as follows.

1. Director Chris Hewitt was appointed as the Chairperson of the Audit Governance and Risk Committee and Directors Vivienne Nguyen and Leo Delahunty were appointed as Committee Members. The Board Chairperson is an ex-officio member of the Committee under its Terms of Reference.
2. Director Glenister Lamont was appointed as Chairperson of the Environment and Works Committee and Directors Reid Mather and Mary Bignell were appointed as Committee Members. The Board Chairperson is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The Board of Directors approved and/or discussed the following matters.

Decision Papers

1. The Managing Director provided a report on a range of operational matters.
2. The Terms of Reference to support the establishment of an Implementation Committee to provide advice to the GWMWater Board on management and licensing of groundwater in the West Wimmera Groundwater Management Area was endorsed.
3. Applications for water from the Horsham Weir Pool that are for sporting and/or broader community benefit will be considered under a new policy adopted by the Board.

4. A form of agreement for the Headworks Growth Water product was adopted as the terms and conditions applicable to the supply of this water product.

Discussion Papers

5. Information on the progress of the development of a business case with respect to the future of Dimboola Weir.
6. Information on the number of water quality complaints received at disinfected-only towns covering the period prior to the 2010-11 floods, and including both before and after the introduction of temporary works to improve the quality of supplies as a result of the impact of the floods.
7. An update on planning and actions undertaken to address water quality issues that have arisen from the high turbidity levels in Lake Bellfield since the January 2011 flood.
8. GWMWater continues to work with the Murray Darling Basin Authority and Department of Sustainability and Environment with preparation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. An update on recent proposals put forwarded was provided.
9. Annual Reports for the Neuarpur and Murrayville Water Supply Protection Areas have been provided to the Minister for Water and relevant Catchment Management Authority.
10. The development of a celebratory publication for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project is progressing with a tentative launch date set in November 2011. Information on the publication will be made available via the GWMWater website.
11. A '15 Year Celebration' booklet has been produced by Project Platypus acknowledging GWMWater's sponsorship of projects relating to improved water quality through reduction in saline discharge.
12. Board Director attendance at future Customer Committee meetings to be held October/November 2011 was confirmed.

General Business

13. A Board Strategic Planning Session to review the Strategic Directions of GWMWater is proposed to be held early in the new year.
14. Applications by GWMWater for funding to improve water quality in nominated towns under the Small Town Water Quality Fund administered by the Department of Sustainability and Environment will now proceed to a business case stage as part of their consideration by the Department.
15. Plans for the proposed sale of GWMWater offices located in Darlot Street are progressing.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 9 November 2011.

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