

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Rochester/Campaspe
MEETING DATE	21 October 2016
ATTENDEES	WSC Members: Richard Anderson, Georgie Sims, Mark Hill, Andrew Christian, Stephen Randall, Peter Gibson, Bruce Macague GMW Attendees: Paul Cox, Brian Letcher, Peter Clydesdale, Peter Egglestone, Paul Arthurson, Simon Cowan, Jarrod O'Brien, Suzanne Waddell. Visitors: Carl Walters (GBCMA), Mr Ron Brooks
APOLOGIES	Dustin Kemp, Patrick Rochford

Main Topics Discussed

Connections Project Update

- An update on current priorities was provided with an explanation of the tender process for two packages of works
- Provided a summary of the reset delivery plan, including information on the uncommitted channels and outlets
- Detail was also provided on the reconfiguration process and the requirement to develop draft concept reconfiguration plans
- Conditions of Determination and outlet sizing was discussed in great length with particular interest surrounding the future of delivery shares
- New landowner engagement process and delivery model was explained, including the 8-step engagement process

Sustainable Irrigation Program (SIP)

- The SIP is about trying to integrate activities in irrigation regions to deliver the best outcome and manage the impacts of irrigated activities on the environment
- Currently in the 25th year of the 30 year Shepparton Land and Water Salinity Management Plan, which focussed on salinity
- The plan has been reviewed and now includes salinity, water quality, improved irrigation efficiency and water savings
- Members were updated on current water table levels within the Shepparton Irrigation Region
- Members were interested in the GBCMA's decision that Sub Surface Drainage and Surface Drainage were within the one program, which is similar to the Rochester WSC's recommendation that SSD & SD should become one service – drainage is drainage
- Key outcomes from the drainage program review were provided with an outline of the proposed new program

Winter Works Summary

- A summary of last year's Capital program was provided with a forward look at the 16/17 budget
- Specific questions around the Waranga Western Subway replacement program on how/why sites were chosen were answered
- A brief overview on the 16/17 Linear and Structure Program was also provided

Other Items to Note

- Retiring member Ron Brooks was invited to lunch and presented with a gift and certificate for his 47 years of WSC Service