

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	19 October 2016
ATTENDEES	WSC Members: Jason Andrew Paul Mundy Paulette McIntosh, Alan Hendy Pat Connolly, Rodney McCracken, Iwan Van Den Berg GMW Attendees: Brendan Brooks, Chris Ryan, Simon Cowan, Suzanne Waddell, Peter Eggleston, Paul Arthurson, Ben Harman Visitors: Helen Murdoch (GBCMA)
APOLOGIES	Martina Cusack (Regional Manager East); Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR)

Main Topics Discussed

Sustainable Irrigation program – Helen Murdoch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided an overview of the GBCMA program and the importance of working in partnership.• 25 years into a 30 year plan with significant investment delivering many benefits across the region.• Provided an update on drainage program review and reactivation program.• Key drivers being reduced irrigation footprint and improved onfarm water management.• Future focus on coping with BIG wet events and being economically viable for customers.• Described the hybrid drainage concept model and structure of program delivery.• \$10m in funding may be available (\$67m in projects identified). Working group established to assist in working with GBCMA & GMW prioritising projects to maximise benefit.• WSC keen to access interactive web site to monitor water tables. Could be useful for customers with shallow spears. May be available in Feb / March 2017.
Katunga WSPA management plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSC were briefly updated on community consultation process and advised of the November meeting dates. Picola 2/11, Katunga 3/11, Cobram 10/11 & Katamatite 11/11.
Connections update
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSC were updated on the Connections Project and key platforms to help deliver the remaining program.• Connections and operational staff now busy developing draft reconfiguration plans for consideration.• Explained the proposed 8 step landowner engagement and delivery model.• The remaining scope of uncommitted works was explained in line with Reset delivery plan.• Survey work currently being undertaken for channel remediation and the gate program for winter 2017.• WSC queried when landholders would be consulted about contractors entering their property to undertake planned 2017 winter works.