# **WSC MEETING SUMMARY**



| COMMITTEE NAME | Murray Valley  |
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| MEETING DATE   | 21 September 2016  |
| ATTENDEES      | WSC members: Jason Andrew, Paul Mundy, Paulette McIntosh, Alan Hendy, Pat Connolly, Rodney McCracken, Iwan Van Den Berg  GMW Attendees: Brendan Brooks (Customer Service Manager), Chris Ryan (Customer Service Coordinator), Martina Cusack (Regional Manager East), Nick Gray (Acting Chief Financial Officer), Daniel Irwin (Head of Customer Service & Operations)  Visitors: Jo Anderson (Chair GMW Board) Denis Flett (VEWH), Alana Wilkes (CEWO), Simon Casanalia (GBCMA) Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR). |
| APOLOGIES      |  |

## **Main Topics Discussed**

#### **Financial Update**

- Q4 End of June 30 Finance situation was provided.
- Provided progress on current progress toward the GMW \$20m savings.
- Less than anticipated take up of 4% incentive on fixed accounts compared with 15/16 2% discount.

#### **WSC Workshop**

- Members were provided with a summary of 15 topics that were workshopped at the WSC Chairs/Deputies meeting and what they considered as Key priorities.
- The top three topics listed were supported although WSC generally feel action needs to be taken ASAP.

#### Interaction with GMW Chair

- Chair introduced herself to the committee and provided an overview of her background.
- WSC members each provided a short introduction: farming business, their WSC involvement and a
  perspective on future challenges for both GMW and customers.
- WSC were appreciative of Jo attending the meeting so early in her tenure at GMW.

# Victorian and Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders(VEWH), (CEWH) & Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA)

- Extensive detail around the Environmental Watering Program was provided.
- Environmental benefits as a result of the program were explained (monitoring and recording of data).
- Members were interested in local watering programs with GBCMA (Kinnairds, Black Swamp and creek).
- WSC realise the importance of agriculture and Environment working in harmony to gain maximum benefit from water.
- Session went for almost two hours, reinforcing keen interest in environmental water (potential presentation in 2017 at WSC workshop)

### **Recommendations to the GMW Board**

Nil

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