

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	17 May 2017
ATTENDEES	WSC Members: Jason Andrew, Paul Mundy, Paulette McIntosh, Alan Hendy, , Rodney McCracken, Patrick Connolly GMW Attendees: Brendan Brooks, Martina Cusack, Peter Egglestone, Danielle Ick
APOLOGIES	Iwan Van Den Berg

Main Topics Discussed

GMW Connections Project update
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided an update on the Reset plan objectives and principles, ECI, Winter works and legacy.• Advised WSC that by breaking Strategic Connection Projects into smaller channel reconfiguration plans the solutions can be agreed and works implemented at a much faster rate.• WSC were advised of the scope of MV program.• Winter 2017 will see 37 regulators upgraded, 17km of channel remediated and one pipeline installed in MV.• Connections team conducted 11 community sessions and Council briefings across four shires in March and April.• Discussed the farm workbook program initiated by NCCMA to be rolled out from July 2017.• WSC were reminded of the eight-step engagement strategy when working with customers.
WSC satisfaction survey – action plan –
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided a recap of the results WSC generally agree that ordering of water (WaterLine) and delivery of water is very good.• The 24/7 planning service allows flexibility and improves on farm efficiency.• WSC would like to see GMW strive to improve efficiencies on maintenance and agree that notification to landholders when entering the property to do any works is important.• WSC suggested that an education process on customer options for flexible payment arrangements is warranted.
Imazapyr Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gave a brief overview of the BIO science Victoria research on the 2015 program.• Provided a copy of maps illustrating the area to be sprayed and photos of the sparse plant population along the batters of the channels to be retreated.• Explained the refill and testing plans and timelines following the treatment.• WSC were supportive of the planned 2017 program.• WSC encourage GMW to look to treat other problem channels utilising the learnings from 2015.