



**Summary of
Board meeting 189
Wednesday 8 December, 2010
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Stephen Mills
Chairman

Craig Cook
Deputy Chairman

John Brooke OAM
Director

Claire Penniceard
Director

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Director

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Director

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Opening

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance to the meeting, following an informal discussion session commencing at 8.00 am.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke to his report and noted the Managing Director was on certificated sick leave until 30 January 2011. The Board appointed Shane McGrath as Acting Managing Director.

Future Syndicate Arrangements

The Board noted that syndicate numbers were discussed at the last G-MW – NVIRP Coordination Committee meeting. Out of stages 1 and 2 NVIRP has estimated there could be as few as 147 syndicate arrangements (61 irrigation and 86 D&S). Reducing this number by providing individual connections would require a proportionally small addition to the proposed reduced backbone. The cost implications and effectiveness of this and the overall feasibility will be examined. It was noted that this solution will allay some of the issues with irrigators and local Councils and further negotiations and clarification of G-

MW's role in assisting with maintenance of assets will also assist in discussions with the Councils concerned. Customers should be informed that syndicates still remain a viable option for them.

Pricing & Tariff Reform

The Chairman mentioned that the new Minister for Water would be approached to launch the discussion paper when it is ready for publication.

Modernised Irrigation Business

The Board was advised that the appointment of two new Customer Services representatives had been well received. Low level upgrades to shop fronts to give a similar appearance had commenced.

MIB Success Indicators

The Board considered and approved the addition of a Modernised Irrigation Business Success Indicator relating to asset efficiency and noted the intention that all indicators when full reporting commences will integrate for give an overall performance picture.

Performance of Statutory Functions

The Board agreed the following policy statement relating to the performance by G-MW of statutory functions –

“In performing its statutory role and responsibilities, Goulburn-Murray Water is committed to introducing sound and measurable business and customer related practices and utilising competent and efficient resources to appropriately licence, control and monitor the use of water for which it is responsible within the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District and other areas.”

Training Services – the future

The Board requested a detailed list of options for the future of internal staff training and the current training centre to be provided to the March 2011 meeting.

Governance Report

The Board considered the issues raised in the Governance Report and –

- a) adopted the DSE Code of Practice for Water Corporations
- b) appointed Mr Madden to the Goulburn Broken Regional WSC
- c) appointed Mr Feuerherdt to the Central Murray WSC, and
- d) appointed Mr Horder as the Chair of Shepparton WSC subject to completion of an interview process involving the Board Chairman.

Water Services Committee Report

The Board considered the report and approved the proposed draft letter requesting continued funding for the surface drainage program for sending to DSE and copying to the Goulburn Broken CMA and DPI.

Water Services Committees Performance Evaluation

The Board was pleased to note the individual performance evaluations undertaken by Water Services Committees.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm

Shane McGrath
Acting Managing Director

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Corporate Secretary

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