



**Summary of
Board meeting 196
Monday 11 July 2011
Melbourne**

Llew Vale OAM
Chairman

Jenny Dawson
Director

Ian Mansbridge
Director

Dennis Moon
Director

Neil Pankhurst
Director

Sarah Scales
Director

Frank Whitford
Director

Shane McGrath
Acting Managing Director

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Opening and Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9am following a period of discussion with non executive directors.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following –

- A recent meeting with Craig Knowles provided an MDBA update opportunity
- The Gannawarra Mayor has expressed an interest in having discussions with G-MW, and an opportunity will arise at the forthcoming WSC Forum in Bendigo later this month
- The G-MW Managing Director search is continuing

Managing Director's Report

The Acting Managing Director reported on the following –

- An initial report on the results from the Customer Satisfaction Survey were received yesterday and will be summarised for the Board
- A draft of the G-MW Annual Report will be provided to Directors prior to the August meeting for feedback
- OH&S regulations have recently changed and the Board will be provided with a briefing of director responsibilities
- G-MW has incurred approximately \$5.1m in flood related costs, some of which were incurred for works under instruction from DSE and will be compensated. DSE has advised that no additional compensation will be forthcoming. WSC's will be advised prior to the planned July forum that further discussions with DSE will be taking place
- A public education program is required to recognise that the Resource Manager, while a G-MW employee, is delegated authority from the Minister under the Water Act and accordingly it is not G-MW making the decisions required of the Resource Manager. Information will be provided to the WSC Workshop

Finance

The Board noted the following -

Finance Team

- The Chief Financial Officer commences Monday 18 July 2011 and both the Financial Controller and the Project Accountant have commenced. Their appointment has been well received by the Finance team
- Improvements to G-MW financial systems will be in place earlier than anticipated

Year End

- Year end activity is progressing well, with G-MW being in a better known position at the start of the 2011/12 financial year

Audit

- VAGO has commenced preliminary work for the year end external audit

Risk Management

The Board noted the review by PWC of the G-MW risk management function and register to ensure all relevant risk is captured and that the adopted risk framework was adequate.

Technology Status Report

The Board noted that improvement of the IT platform is centered on creating an Enterprise Information Management strategy focusing on the finance function in the first instance. This will enable enhanced financial reporting and will provide a detailed business management analysis tool to assist in decision making.

Hattah Lakes Environment Flows Project

Having noted the content of the paper and of the presentation received on 6 July 2011, the Board approved construction of the Hattah lakes Environmental Flows Project at a cost of \$27.476m, subject to approval of the project and funding by MDBA.

Water Services Committee 2011 Workshop

Directors will be attending the WSC Workshop to hear customer opinion and gain an appreciation for WSC issues being dealt with. The agenda for the two day workshop will incorporate WSC feedback.

Governance Report

The Board considered the Governance Report and

- ratified the appointment of Mr Rothacker to the Loddon-Campaspe Regional WSC as a member from October 2010 and confirmed his appointment as chair of the Committee from November 2010 with Mr John McKinsky as the deputy chair,
- approved the appointments to Water Services Committees as indicated in the table attached to the report

Water Services Committees Report

The Board noted the report detailing issues discussed at recent meetings of the Water Services Committees.

The Board also noted that Rochester-Campaspe WSC passed a condolences motion for Graham Clarke, who was a well known G-MW employee in the area who commenced as a Water Bailiff in 1965 and was appointed District Manager for Rochester in 1990 – a position he held until his retirement in 2002. The memorial service on 6 July 2011 in Rochester was well attended.

Shane McGrath
Acting Managing Director
15 July, 2011

Russell Barnier
Corporate Secretary

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