

# Summary

## Board Meeting September 2020

### Overview

The Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) Board meeting was held on 22 September 2020 via video conference. All Directors were present.

Diane James AM, Chairman:

- welcomed Directors to the Board Meeting
- acknowledged the lands of all the Aboriginal communities from the regions where directors were joining the videoconference and paid respects to their Elders past and present

### Managing Director Report

Charmaine Quick, GMW Managing Director, updated the Board on the status of the:

- potential Water Efficiency Program
- Irrigators' Share Project: this is the program for distributing the benefits of the Connections Stage 1 water savings
- Surface Drainage Program (photos below)



Photo 1: Upper Deakin catchment – completed works now connect drainage flow paths under Midland Hwy, Stanhope



Photo 2: Upper Deakin catchment – works at McEwen Rd, Stanhope have removed obstructions to natural drainage

### Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Glenda Smith, General Manager People, Culture and Safety and Tom Foster, Manager Safety, Wellbeing and Environment, updated the Board on:

- GMW's health, safety and wellbeing performance
- the implementation of the Safety Strategy

### Finance

Michael Gomez, General Manager Business and Finance, discussed with the Board that GMW's financial result for August year to date is favourable to budget.

### Coronavirus Response

The Board received an update from Michael Gomez and Glenda Smith on GMW's coronavirus (COVID-19) response. The update included:

- the impacts on GMW's customers, employees and finances
- the results of the GMW employee COVID-19 wellbeing survey: the results confirmed GMW was effectively managing employee welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic



## Strategy Implementation

The Board reviewed the implementation of GMW's Strategic Framework and noted that strategy development and implementation was on schedule.

## Committee meetings

The Board noted minutes of recent Board Committee meetings.

## General Business

The Board discussed GMW's and the Board's engagement with Aboriginal communities.

## Connections Project

Frank Fisseler, Project Director and Patrick McNamara, Project Control Group Chair, discussed the status of the Connections Project including progress in achieving water savings.

## Mitiamo Project

Frank Fisseler, Project Director and Patrick McNamara, Project Control Group Chair, discussed the status of the Mitiamo Project including the progress of the open tender for the construction of the pipeline.

## Staff acknowledgements

The Board congratulated Glenda Smith for being recognised as one of the IPAA Victoria's Top 50 Public Sector Women for 2020.

## Operational

The Board discussed:

- GMW customer service performance
- 2020 GMW People Awards
- with John Weber, Manager Information Systems:
  - the functions and strategic alignment of the Information Services team
  - key initiatives to improve GMW's data use and management

