

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Torrumbarry Water Services Committee (WSC)
MEETING DATE	25 August 2016
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC Members: Guy Duncan (Chair), Anne Hodge (Deputy Chair), Charlie Gillingham, Tim McNeil, Bernice Lumsden, Kyal Seibert and Andrew Leahy.</p> <p>GMW attendees: Phil Hoare (Regional Customer Service Manager West) and Ross Stanton (Customer Service Manager Torrumbarry).</p> <p>Via video-conference: Bethany Willsmore (General Manager Marketing and Communication), Mark Bailey (Manager Water Resources) and Andrew Shields (Manager River Operations Planning)</p>
APOLOGIES	Chris Greenwood and Nathan Free

Main Topics Discussed

Swan Hill Rural City Council (SHRCC) Agribusiness Advisory Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed a letter from the SHRCC Agribusiness Advisory Committee and the implications for development north of Swan Hill after the Connections Project completes the interconnector pipe from the No. 10 channel to the No. 9 channel. The committee agreed that GMW / the Connections Project cannot spend public money to provide increased capacity to possible or proposed development sites.
GMW website refresh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMW informed the committee that the GMW website required updating to meet current guidelines and standards. GMW advised changes have been made to the website to improve access and information for customers. The committee made some suggested changes to the layout and requested that rocket diagrams be included in the resource availability section as these were more relevant than storage levels.
Water resource position and climate outlook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMW provided the committee with an update on the current resource position for 2016/17 and improvements in catchment conditions including high inflows during July, as well as the three month outlook from the Bureau of Meteorology and implications for current risk of spill across the storages. The committee was happy with the improved position and discussed the possibility of Low Reliability Water Share allocation and trade implications.
WSC workshop feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the recent WSC forum and topics, as provided to WSC Chairs and Deputies. The committee agreed the list was reflective of the meeting and WSC views. The committee spent some time discussing what they thought were the priorities going forward, including delivery share review, carryover review (including the Reserve Policy), Whole of Life understanding and tariffs in the Connections Project reset environment.