

# WSC MEETING SUMMARY



<b>COMMITTEE NAME</b>	Loddon Valley Water Services Committee Meeting
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>WSC members:</b> John Nelson (Chair) Laurie Maxted (D/Chair) Chris Harrison, Robert Moon, Ken Pattison, Bill Diss, , Ron Vinnicombe</p> <p><b>GMW attendees:</b> David Currie (Customer Service manager), Peter Egglestone (Connections), Paul Arthurson (Connections) Andrew Shields (Manager River Operations),</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Philip Slessar (NCCMA), Loussia Rogers (NCCMA), Shari Rankin (NCCMA), Tammy Herne (NCCMA), Kathy Long (DEDJTR)</p>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Murray Haw, Phil Hoare (Customer Service),

## Main Topics Discussed

<b>Connections</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an update on the Web Portal and Landowner Guide with a solution for every channel - to be available by the end of July.</li> <li>• Discussion on the Operational Rules including flow rates, meter options, property consolidations and dry offs for customers.</li> <li>• Connections Winter Works for 2017 update was provided indicating most sites were on track for completion before the start of the irrigation season.</li> <li>• An outline on some innovative projects to assist with whole of life costs was explained including alternate batteries &amp; portable meters</li> </ul>
<b>Water Resources</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an update on the Water Resource position and the outlook for the season</li> <li>• Storages are in a better position than this time last year, but the rainfall outlook is not as good as this time last year</li> <li>• Early reserve for 2018/19 is partly established in the Goulburn System</li> <li>• Risk of spill is still high on the Murray System and above the trigger point on the Goulburn System</li> </ul>
<b>NCCMA – Plan2Farm</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an overview of the Plan2Farm booklet and the process that irrigators would go through.</li> <li>• Plan2Farm also includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irrigators meeting with irrigation planning specialists to help strategic planning;</li> <li>- Facilitated group sessions so irrigators can meet to discuss issues and plans; and</li> <li>- Work books tailored to individual farms which will help irrigators understand the best way forward and make the right decisions for their business</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NCCMA – Loddon River</b>