

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	18 October 2017
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC Members: Jason Andrew, Patrick Connolly, Alan Hendy, Alastair Whittington.</p> <p>GMW Attendees: Brendan Brooks (Customer Service Manager), Peter Clydesdale (Regional Manager Customer Service), Stuart Nield (Manager Field Services), Bruce Allen (Project Officer) Merrill Boyd & Alex (MDBA engagement) Nick Gray (Group Financial Controller)</p>
APOLOGIES	Rabi Maskey, Paulette McIntosh, Rodney McCracken, Iwan Van Den Berg

Main Topics Discussed

Field Services Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided members with an overview of the maintenance program delivered in Murray Valley in 16/17 year. Data on expenditure and the type of work activities over past two years was compared to highlight trends and areas of focus to optimise plant equipment & resources. • Also provided details on the APS program and explained the arrowhead in Murray valley required a combination of spraying, desilting and spray treatment in winter to ensure service delivery to customers • Explained some of the trial work being undertaken by the Mech elec team to hibernate automated assets to reduce future costs where channels are not operating at close to original design capacity • GMW are utilising solar energy to cover base load costs for some pump stations.
Capital Works Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information on scope of the capital works completed in the 16/17 year and proposed budget and works for the 17/18. • Two large bridge projects were delivered at significant cost reduction from estimated budgets allowing a number of smaller projects to be completed •
MDBA Plan Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a presentation on the Basin plan implementation process and progress • Discussion had on the Compliance review, 2016 Amendments and the sustainable diversion limits • Members discussed the difficulty in determining the current socio economic impacts and felt that this was clearly still evolving. Water shares sold, dairy industry impacts are still playing out in communities but the reduction of 2 billion in milk production in Australia not likely to be reversed. • WSC concerned that more water sold from GMID would continue to add pressure to remaining customers. Cotton and almonds are growth areas in water use. • WSC asked about clarity of MDBA charges to GMW. • Encouraged WSC to provide feedback online and also talked about the EOI for Basin Community committee representation.
2016/17 EOY Financial update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the 16/17 financial performance was provided to WSC. • Fixed revenue aligned to budget but variable reduced due to wet spring in 2016 • Stat depreciation was increasing due to automated assets increasing from the connections project