WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Murray Valley
MEETING DATE	21 August 2019
ATTENDEES	WSC Members: Jason Andrew(Chair), Patrick Connolly (Deputy Chair), Alan Hendy, Paulette McIntosh, Iwan Van Den Berg, Amabel Grinter GMW Attendees: Chris Ryan (Acting Customer Service Manager, Murray Valley) Greg Shannon (Regional Customer Service Manager West)
GUESTS	Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR), Peter Egglestone (Connections)
APOLOGIES	Peter Clydesdale (Project Manager Pricing Submission), Rodney McCracken (WSC member, Andrew Routley (WSC member)

Main Topics Discussed

Connections – Peter Egglestone

- Provided a Connections Project update around installation of pipelines, regulators over the winter works program.
- In season works will continue and ramp up during spring & summer 2019/20. 2020 winter works program will be small compared to previous years.
- Discussed September water savings target.
- Discussion on disposal of concrete and the timeframe of which it is to happen to adhere to EPA removal process standards.

Pricing Submission – Greg Shannon

- Provided an update to members on the Transformation project including the retirement program and regional mobility agreement.
- Discussed themes that GMW has heard throughout the recent Pricing Submission engagement process.
- Members were presented with a number of options around Basin vs System pricing and there was extensive discussion.

Public Sub Surface Pump Rationalisation – Chris Ryan

- Provided background information of the public groundwater pump rationalisation project funded by the Catchment Management Authority.
- Briefed members on 10 potential pumps to be mothballed in Murray Valley (MV). Land holders will receive a visit from GMW if a pump is located on their land.
- Other sub-surface customers will be contacted via letter and variable charges will be removed for 2019/20.
- Discussed the option of landholders taking ownership of the public groundwater pumps or leasing them in the short term.