WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Loddon Campaspe Regional WSC
MEETING DATE	8 March 2019 – Kangaroo Flat Sports Club
	WSC: Norm Suckling (Chair), Andrew Maher (Deputy Chair), Ross McKinstry, Hilary Jankelson, Garry Addlem, Tim Harrington, Richard Carter
ATTENDEES	GMW: Dale McGraw (CSM Diversions – West), Peter Watson CS C Diversions – West), Scott Ridges (Groundwater & Streams), Mark Bailey (Head of Water Resources), Anne Telford (Executive Manager Strategic Engagement), Peter Clydesdale (Interim General Manager Water Delivery), Pat McNamara (GMW Board Director)
	Guests: Sabrina Teodorowski (DELWP)
APOLOGIES	Karl Hooke, Tom Walsh, Sam Green, Matthew Pethybridge

Main Topics Discussed

Board Director Interaction – Pat McNamara

- GMW Board Director, Pat McNamara attended the meeting and provided a high level overview of the Boards current focus.
- The WSC communicated the current challenges and issues in the Loddon and Campaspe catchments.
- Members communicated their concerns at the risks of further cost cuts to operational activities in the Diversions Business Unit under Transformation initiatives; highlighting the outcomes of the 2018 Strategic Advisory Panels review of GMW.

Capital Works Planning – Dale McGraw

- Provided the committee with a brief update on the current Diversions Capital Metering Program.
- Works completed to date at the Campaspe Weir to strengthen the secondary spillway and protect the structure from erosion damage were presented.
- The committee was informed of the need to undertake works at the Serpentine Weir to provide relief from erosion damage.

Groundwater & Streams Update – Scott Ridges

- Provided the committee with an update current groundwater levels in the Loddon Highlands WSPA, Lower Campaspe Valley WSPA, Mid-Loddon GMA and the Central Victorian Mineral Springs GMA.
- Seasonal determination outlooks for groundwater areas were provided to members.
- Advised GMW attended a meeting with the WSC chair to look at the Newlyn trigger bore on Archibald Rd at Newlyn.
- Feedback from DELWP has been received following the submission of draft reviews of the groundwater plans within the Loddon and Campaspe catchments.
- Members were provided with a summary of actions undertaken so far to improve the understanding of resources west of the Mid-Loddon GMA boundary and the links to budget availability.
- The relationship of GMW's existing groundwater capital charge and the link to licence volume application was discussed.

Regulated Systems Update – Mark Bailey

- Provided the meeting with a current status report on the volume of water held in storage.
- Forecast outlook scenarios were tabled for the three major systems in the west (Loddon, Campaspe and Bullarook).
- Provided members with an update on the progress towards a review of the Loddon Bulk Entitlement.
- An overview of the implications of potential capacity constraints below the Barmah Choke and the planning that had been undertaken to implement sharing arrangements was tabled.

Review of Water Service Committee's – Ann Telford

- Provided members with an overview of GMW's Strategic Engagement Program that specifically covers the businesses Transformation, Water Plan, Delivery Share Review within the GMID, Pricing and Customer Service Strategy.
- Surveyed members on their views of the performance of Regional WSC's and sought feedback on how GMW could improve their effectiveness.

Northern Victoria Water Resource Plan – Sabrina Teodorowski

- Presented the Northern Victoria Water Resource Plan, which included a summary of the key objectives.
- The closing date for feedback has been extended to the 18 March with implantation occurring in May 2019.

Customer Charter Update – Peter Clydesdale

• Updated the meeting of the changes that had been made to the Customer Charter document. The changes were primarily introduced to implement changes to support recommendations contained within the 2018 Strategic Advisory Panel's Review of GMW.

Transformation – Peter Clydesdale

• Provided a high level overview of GMW's Transformation and the progress against communicated milestones.