

# WSC MEETING SUMMARY



<b>COMMITTEE NAME</b>	Murray Valley
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	15 May 2019
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>WSC Members:</b> Jason Andrew(Chair), Patrick Connolly (Deputy Chair), Alan Hendy, Paulette McIntosh, Andrew Routley, Iwan Van Den Berg</p> <p><b>GMW Attendees:</b>            Brendan Brooks (Customer Service Manager, Murray Valley)            Peter Clydesdale (Interim General Manager Water Delivery)            David McKenzie (Board Director)            Charmaine Quick (Managing Director)            Mark Bailey (Head of Water Resources) (video link)</p>
<b>GUESTS</b>	Amabel Grinter (Potential new WSC member)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Rodney McCracken, Rabi Maskey (DEDJTR)

## Main Topics Discussed

<b>Transformation update – GMW challenges - Charmaine Quick &amp; David McKenzie</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an update to the committee on the transformation journey so far.</li> <li>• Talked through the future leadership structure and GMW's vision and values.</li> <li>• Fleet, contracted services, facilities, MDBA contribution and labour reductions in Opex and gravity and dam safety capital programs are currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• WSC raised some items of greatest concern including water availability for irrigation at a sustainable price, storage fees and environmental water to SA.</li> <li>• WSC also asked about their future, the challenge of reducing labour costs but retaining staff knowledge skill and experience.</li> <li>• Through transformation and beyond GMW need to be a flexible and agile business and continue to evolve to match customer needs and the operating environment.</li> <li>• Advised the WSC that the 75GL process was only starting and agreed we have to advocate for customer, GMW and our region to ensure future prosperity.</li> <li>• WSC feel GMID offers food security but this seems to be running second to the environment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Transformation &amp; Channel x Channel (CxC) Update – Peter Clydesdale</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an overview of the channel by channel model and the focus on critically reviewing expenditure on asset management to ensure value for money.</li> <li>• A combination of local area knowledge, technical engineering expertise, all the relevant information relating to water use, channel maintenance and revenue from GMW databases will help determine the appropriate strategy for different assets.</li> </ul>	
<b>Water Resource, Environmental Levy &amp; 75GL Return to Irrigators Update – Mark Bailey</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided the update on the water resource outlook for the 19/20 irrigation season.</li> <li>• Explained the background of the Environmental Contribution levy paid by customers as part of storage fees which assist funding of sustainable water management.</li> <li>• The levy contributes to programs such as onfarm irrigation, waterway health, urban water, irrigation modernisation.</li> <li>• 75GL - GMW are getting on the front foot with customers to ensure best outcome for irrigators in determining the dividend for CP water savings.</li> <li>• The 75GL will be a mix of High &amp; Low entitlements and have various zone attributes.</li> <li>• The committee agree that irrigators with delivery shares should be eligible for the dividend.</li> </ul>	

### Area Update – Brendan Brooks

- Provided an update on area deliveries, efficiency, performance against KPIs, showed some graphs on channel capacity underutilisation, discussed 2019/20 capital program, Connections pipelines still to be delivered over next 6/12 months, recent meter upgrades and mix of options to manage our weed issues.
- The Area will continue to deliver environmental water to the Broken creek over winter period.
- The 2/3P community drain is almost completed at Naring.