# WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Central Gouburn
MEETING DATE	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Blue Jeans
ATTENDEES	<ul> <li>WSC Members: Peter Hacon (Chair), David Kerr (Deputy Chair), Murray McDonald, Ruth McGrath, Susan Wearden.</li> <li>GMW Attendees: Brian Letcher (Distribution Customer Service Manager – Central) Luke Dunham (Distribution Assistant Manager – Central) Warren Blyth (General Manger Water Delivery services) Fabian McCloy (Project Manager-Irrigators Share Distribution) Claire Nihill (Communications &amp; Engagement Project Officer)</li> </ul>
	Visitors & Guests: Penny Clark DELWP), Kerryn Forster (DELWP), Joe Banks DELWP), Alieta Donald (DELWP)
APOLOGIES	Ray Sellwood, Greg Shannon (Manager Distribution Services)

# Main Topics Discussed

# Managing Delivery Risks - Penny Clark, Joe Banks, Tyson Milne, Alex Murray

- A summary of the presentation outlined the research into deliverability risks in the Murray system and how DELWP, MDBA and Vic, NSW & SA state Governments plan to manage them.
- The presentation generated good discussion from the Committee Members which included influencing factors such as short falls, a reduction of capacity at the Barmah Choke and reduced access from the Menindee Lakes.
- Tyson Milne gave an over view on managing the impacts and challenges caused by the restrictions at the Barmah Choke and new developments downstream.
- The Committee appeared sceptical of the latest findings on the cause to increased restrictions at the Choke.

### Irrigator Share Distribution - Fabian McCloy & Clair Nihill

- Presented an update on the Irrigators share of the 75GI from stage 1 of the Connections Project. The Committee were advised that those who held >0.25 DSE would see their entitlement of water shares distributed in October 2021. Those <0.25 would see a cash credit to their fixed charges 2022.
- The Committee raised concerns that there was an inequity with those who received a monetary payment because of the price differences between Goulburn & Murray systems.

#### **Operations Mangers report - Brian Letcher**

• Provided a brief over view of Rochester's irrigation delivery and staff movements making mention of two vacancies that are expected to be filled in the coming month.

#### General Business:

- An update to the rationalisation of ground water pumps for CG was discussed.
- A former WSC member (Amabel Griffith) previously from Murray Valley has moved to the CG area and has approached the Chair on becoming a member of the Central Goulburn Committee.

## Other Items to Note

• Nil

# **Next Meeting**

• 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021