# WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Rochester-Campaspe
MEETING DATE	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
ATTENDEES	<ul> <li>WSC Members: Richard Anderson (Chair), Peter Gibson, Cory Mitchell, Jacob Gardiner,</li> <li>GMW Attendees: Greg Shannon (Manager Distribution Services) Warren Blyth (General Manager Water Delivery Services) Like Dunham (Distribution Customer Service Assistant Manager Central) Brian Letcher (Customer Service Manager Central).</li> </ul>
GUESTS	Visitors & Guests: Penny Clark( DELWP), Joe Banks (DELWP), Alieta Donald (DELWP), Joseph Davis (MBDA), Tyson Milne (MBDA)
APOLOGIES	Bruce Macague, Georgie Sims, Della Palmer,

## 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 as whole 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.
- Joe Banks addressed many concerning questions from members on managing the restriction in the Barmah Choke and the impacts from new developments in the lower Murray.

#### **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.
- Updated members on the new works being delivered through the Connections Project at Greens Lake camping area.

#### 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 seemed accepting of the plan.

#### SWOT Analysis - Matt O'Farrell

- Provided members further feedback and advice to the GMWs Service Plan SWOT analysis.
- The Committee also raised that they were unable to have any influence on some of the considerations put forward.
- It was discussed the importance to prioritise having the drainage tariff sorted out as it was completely overlooked at the previous opportunity. The IAF also needs to be pulled apart to ensure the cost are apportioned correctly.

#### **General Business:**

• Peter Gibson was nominated for the replacement of Georgie Sims as a representative for the Drainage Working Group.

- Members raised concern with the possible transfer of noxious weeds from the spray trucks travelling in & out of areas where there is infestations of Khaki Weed.
- Vince Catanese updated the members on the process to finalising the outstanding legacy issues with the former Campaspe irrigators who are now part of the Campaspe S&D syndicate.

## Other Items to Note

• The Committee welcomed two new members to their first sitting to the Rochester Campaspe meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

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