

WSC MEETING SUMMARY



COMMITTEE NAME	Loddon Valley Water Services Committee
MEETING DATE	22 February 2021
ATTENDEES	<p>WSC Members: John Nelson (Chair), Laurie Maxted (Deputy Chair), Robert Moon, Bill Diss, Jeanette Naylor, Chris Harrison, Ron Vinnicombe</p> <p>GMW Attendees: Warren Blyth (General Manager Water Delivery Services), Greg Shannon (Manager Distribution Services), Paul Gilchrist (Distribution Customer Service Manager - West), Tim Nitschke (Distribution Assistant Manager – West), Fabian McCloy (Project Manager Irrigators Shared Distribution), Claire Nihill (Communications and Engagement Project Officer) Joanne Stone (Customer Service Administrator)</p> <p>Guest: Penny Clark (DELWP), Kerryn Forster (DELWP), Joe Banks (DELWP), Tyson Milne (MDBA), Joe Davis (MDBA), Anne Lucas (MDBA)</p>
APOLOGIES	

Main Topics Discussed

Deliverability Risks Joe Banks (DELWP), Penny Clark (DELWP), Tyson Milne (MDBA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was provided to the committee outlining deliverable risk and current research and possible management in the future • An overview of historical impacts was provided which included a detailed discussion of the Barmera Choke and increasing level of concerns regarding reduced capacity and increasing possibility of shortfall within the Murray • There was discussion on the increasing demands, including impacts of trade and environmental water causing erosion • The committee was advised there has been shortfall repose plans developed and close monitoring of delivery risk shortfalls, additional data on short fall risk is included in the MDBP weekly report 	
Irrigators Share Distribution – Fabian McCloy and Claire Nihill	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation provided an update to the committee regarding the irrigator share distribution project • Committee was advised that those who held approximately >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 was also advised regarding the communication plan which included a customer guide that is likely to be released in April 2021 	
Operational Report – Paul Gilchrist and Tim Nitschke	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report was provided to the committee outlining most recent significant factors that had occurred in the West in last couple of months • There was discussion regarding the acrolein injection planned for Friday 26 February 2021 in the Waranga Western Channel, and advice regarding customer notification, and the 6 days of electro fishing • Committee was advised that the planning of an extensive winter maintenance program would include a large portion of the channel network will be dewatered through winter. Planned communication plan is also being developed to advise customers in advance of dewatering through winter in the West 	

Other Items to Note

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