

MINUTES

MEETING OF:	Orana Water Utilities Alliance Technical Committee Meeting No 15
DATE:	Thursday 18 February 2020
VENUE:	Narromine Shire Council Chambers
MEETING COMMENCED:	10.10am

ATTENDEES	
Bogan Shire Council	Graeme Bourke Trevor Waterhouse
Bourke Shire Council	Peter Brown
Brewarrina Shire Council	David Kirby
Cobar Shire Council	Aldrin Lobo James Anderson
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Mid-Western Regional Council	Claire Cam
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby
Walgett Shire Council	Abhishek Suwal
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Cornelia Wiebels Frances Scott
DPIE – Water	Brendan Miller Shyamala Manorathan Cindy Houston
NSW Health	Mark Nave
Department of Regional NSW	Angela Shepherd
OWUA Project Officer	Alayna Gleeson

APOLOGIES	
Central Darling Shire Council	Darren Scotti
Cobar Shire Council	Scott Casey Victor Papierniak-Wojtowicz
Warren Shire Council	Raymond Burns
NSW Health	Jason Harwood
DPIE - Water	David Swan Bruce Lamont
NSW Water Directorate	Brendan Guiney

ACTIONS LIST

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	STATUS
Outstanding actions			
8/4 4.3	Cryptosporidium Risk Assessments Overdue – Councils to submit or contact their EHO with an update.	Outstanding Councils	Ongoing
11/6 2	Orana JO Workforce Development Project ACTION: Confirm Department of Premier and Cabinet Funding	BC/AG	No update
New actions			
15/10 3.3	Risk Management Training – follow up with Murray Thompson for potential date to deliver the training	MN	TBC – after Easter
15/10 6	Circular 18 reporting – in principle agreement between DPIE – Water and NSW Health for the inclusion of Circular 18 in DW Annual Report.	DS	Awaiting written confirmation from NSW Health
15/10 14	Project Management support – Project Officer to investigate procurements/embedment model	AG	NOT STARTED
17/12 5.2	BCP – provide feedback to StateCover re Council BCP process	AG/DM	NOT STARTED
17/12 5.4	Asset Revaluation – follow up outstanding members	AG	8/11 members participating. Awaiting brief feedback to move to preparation of tender
17/12 6	Operators Group Meeting – schedule meeting for early 2021 and include DPIE – Water Inspectors for presentation	AG	Awaiting feedback from WIOA
1	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Apologies – D Moorby, Chair Refer to attendee and apologies above.		

<p>2</p>	<p>Election of Chairperson Doug Moorby vacated the Chair at 10.16am.</p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the OWUA for a 12 month period.</p> <p>There was one (1) nomination for the position of Chair, being Doug Moorby. Doug Moorby accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received.</p> <p>Doug Moorby assumed the Chair at 10.17am.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Stakeholder Updates</p> <p>3.1 Orana Joint Organisation – Doug Moorby on behalf of OJO - Next meeting 24 February</p> <p>3.2 DPIE – Water – Brendan Miller - Water Infrastructure NSW appointment being made – PMO will transition to this team, headed up by David Swan. Priority is to get SSWP projects and funding delivered. Department available to support Councils to resource and deliver projects. - What are the prohibitors? Resources and money. Proposal to deliver funding up front. - Section 60 – report delivered internally with proposed changes. - Claims (drought projects) – process has changed. Financial statement attached to claim is all that is required. - Drought tracker – importance of providing this information monthly. - Circular 18 reporting – DPIE – Water have been in contact with Health to seek agreement for Councils to include circular 18 reporting within their Annual Drinking Water Reports to NSW Health. Health have agreed verbally and in-principle that this is a good idea, but DPIE are awaiting formal concurrence in writing. D Swan to follow up.</p> <p>3.3 NSW Health – Mark Nave - Annual Reports 2019 all received. Time to start thinking about 2020 reports. Provides snapshot of utility to identify areas that may require any additional support or projects which NSW Health can provide funding. - Cryosporidium risk assessments – reminder to confirm details. - Training approved with Murray Thompson – date TBC for after Easter.</p> <p>3.4 NSW Water Directorate – Doug Moorby - Training – iTAB remains with Paul Humphreys group. NWP – there is no one other than cross-border entities to deliver training (see below Department of Regional NSW update). - Education of elected officials – roles and responsibilities in the water industry. - Town Water Risk Reduction Program – David Kirby to sit on panel.</p> <p>3.5 Department of Regional NSW – Angela Shepherd - Grants – last tranche of funding – regional growth fund, heavy tourism focus. - Resources for Regions, Stronger Country Communities etc. funding coming out. - Training NSW – Fusion training engaged to scope Cert IV in Water Operations, further information to come.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from OWUA Technical Committee Meeting – 17 December 2020 Motion: C Cam/D Kirby That the Minutes of the OWUA Technical Committee Meeting held in Mudgee on 17 December 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record. CARRIED</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Actions from Previous Minutes Noted. Refer to actions list.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Matters In Progress 6.1 Condition Assessment of Existing Groundwater Bores – final report for Tasks 1 and 2 with Councils for review. Participating Councils to meet and determine next steps for each bore.</p>

	<p>6.2 Business Continuity Plan and CIRT Training – final documents received and will be distributing prior to being adopted at next meeting. Training was undertaken by OWUA Chair, OWUA Project Officer and NSW Health (Mark Nave) and DPIE – Water (Brendan Miller) in February 2021.</p> <p>6.3 Asset Revaluation – 9 Councils participating. Finalising brief to go to tender, project to commence July 2021 and finalised by end of January 2022</p> <p>6.4 Water Survey Summary Report – awaiting workforce data from one Council prior to compiling summary report.</p> <p>6.5 WalterSmart Program in Schools – in principle support for program and small budget allocation.</p>
7	<p>OWUA Operators Group Project Officer liaising with WIOA about possibility of hosting a WIOA Interest Day in OWUA Region in 2021.</p>
8	<p>Best Practice Compliance/Asset Management Noted.</p>
9	<p>Member Council Updates</p> <p>Bogan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water storage 1 repairs still held up by weather, - Second storage with PWA – tenders closed and being assessed. - Bore and pipeline still with PWA with design. - Drought works – replacement of syphon with PWA, close to going to tender and repair works along APC. <p>Bourke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WTP ongoing. <p>Brewarrina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual capital works program nearing completion for year. - Land acquisition for STP. <p>Cobar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WTP issue. - Reticulation works complete. - Pump failure at Nyngan. - Reservoir roof replacement. <p>Gilgandra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bore at Tooraweenah nearing completion. - STP replacement project ongoing. - Drilling bore in Gilgandra. <p>Mid-Western</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital works ongoing. - CCP breach at WTP recently but this incident shows DWMS processes are working well. <p>Narromine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All water restrictions lifted across LGA. - New plant running well and met Section 60 requirements. - Bores are still drying up. - IWCM. - Smart metering spec in progress.

	<p>Walgett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 300,000L storage. - Sewer main relining in Walgett. - Effluent re-use being set up at Walgett STP for irrigation at cemetery. - Upgrades and repairs across region. <p>Warrumbungle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing staffing issues – Technical Officer onboard, 4 positions still vacant. - Capital works progressing. - Funded projects ongoing. - CNB WTP issues with filter flooring. - MND reservoirs concerns.
10	<p>Cold Call Surveys Nil.</p>
11	<p>Next Meeting Thursday 8 April – Narromine</p>
12	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warrumbungle: Scouring and mains flushing questions. - Erin Cini (WSAA) has taken on the role of Director leading the Town Water Risk Reduction Program. If anyone wants to put anything to the program, contact David Kirby.
13	<p>Meeting Close 11.55pm.</p>
	<p>Meeting then moved to the Sustainable Services for Regional and Remote Communities (via Teams).</p>