

MINUTES – OWUA MEETING 16 (8 APRIL 2021)

MEETING OF:	Orana Water Utilities Alliance Technical Committee Meeting No 16
DATE:	Thursday 8 April 2021
VENUE:	Narromine Shire Council Chambers
MEETING COMMENCED:	10:06am

ATTENDEES	
Bogan Shire Council	Trevor Waterhouse Cameron Bourke
Bourke Shire Council	Peter Brown
Brewarrina Shire Council	David Kirby
Central Darling Shire Council	John Pearson
Cobar Shire Council	Victor Papierniak-Wojtowicz (virtually) Kim Greenwood (virtually)
Mid-Western Regional Council	Claire Cam (virtually)
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby Anthony Everett
Warren Shire Council	Ray Holley
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Andrew Milford
DPIE – Water	Matt Parmeter Bruce Lamont
NSW Water Directorate	Brendan Guiney (virtually)
Department of Regional NSW	Angela Shepherd
Water Directorate	Brendan Guiney (virtually)

APOLOGIES	
Bogan Shire Council	Graeme Bourke
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Mid-Western Regional Council	Brad Cam
Walgett Shire Council	Abhishek Suwal
Warren Shire Council	Raymond Burns
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Cornelia Wiebels
DPIE - Water	Brendan Miller Cindy Houston
NSW Health	Mark Nave

GUESTS	
Training Services NSW	Nathan Cooper (virtually) Lucas Scarpin (virtually)
Smart Approved WaterMark	Chris Philpot (virtually)

ACTIONS LIST

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	STATUS
Outstanding actions			
11/6 2	Orana JO Workforce Development Project ACTION: Confirm Department of Premier and Cabinet Funding	BC/AG	Ongoing
New actions			
15/10 3.3	Risk Management Training – follow up with Murray Thompson for potential date to deliver the training	MN	Doug to FU
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	Matt to FU Awaiting written confirmation from NSW Health
17/12 5.2	BCP – provide feedback to StateCover re Council BCP process	DM	NOT STARTED
17/12 5.4	Asset Revaluation – follow up outstanding members	CC/DM	9/11 members participating. Awaiting data from 4 Councils to move to preparation of tender – DM to FU
17/12 6	Operators Group Meeting – schedule meeting for early 2021 and include DPIE – Water Inspectors for presentation One operator to attend a meeting in the year	DM	Awaiting feedback from WIOA
08/04 7.1	Condition Assessment of Existing Groundwater Bores	DM	Next Steps outstanding from 2 Councils – DM to FU
08/04 12	Presentation on Cameras that mount to hat/helmet and allows to interact with your staff	DM	DM to FU

1	<p>Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Apologies – D Moorby, Chair Refer to attendee and apologies above.</p>
2	<p>Presentation – Training Services NSW Water Industry Strategy Nathan Cooper, Manager Skills Brokers (virtually) Lucas Scarpin, (virtually)</p>
3	<p>Presentation – Smart Approved WaterMark Chris Philpot, CEO</p>
4	<p>Stakeholder Updates</p> <p>4.1 Orana Joint Organisation – Doug Moorby on behalf of OJO - N/A</p> <p>4.2 DPIE – Water – Matt Parameter - The department has had a restructure. Dave Swan is in a new position, and they have separated the finance side and program management side. Brendan is now acting regional Manager of the west.</p> <p>4.3 NSW Health – Mark Nave - N/A</p> <p>4.4 NSW Water Directorate – Brendan Guiney - There has been a lot of consultation and traffic headlined by the North Coast floods. Have been busy lining up mutual assistance, and a congratulations to the affected Council’s in getting all systems back up to scratch. Just a reminder mutual assistance is available if you have been affected by fires, floods etc. - On a strategic level, responding to the draft on the NSW water strategy. - Always here to speak about training. - Continue working on the telcos on tanks. - The EPA have a regulatory strategy out at the moment. Any points that anyone would like to get across to the EPA, send through to Brendan or Doug. - It is under active consideration for the government to fund a person to get the training needs/requirements.</p> <p>4.5 Department of Regional NSW – Angela Shepherd - A group approach is required to access the training money whilst it available. - Half the Council’s in the room have the opportunity to apply for grant funding from Resources For Regions and Stronger Country Communities</p> <p>4.6 Transport for NSW - N/A</p> <p>4.7 Town Water Risk Reduction Program – David Kirby - We have held had four (4) meetings to date. - Speaking bluntly, it is a little bit ‘clunky’. Aiming is to get all stakeholders heading in the same direction - Things on the agenda – Regulation/policy framework and Collaboration/training/government support - What we would like to target early on is the Councillor training. The importance of this can not be overlooked. It is not mandatory by the OLG. - Local Water Utilities have concerns around if they are receiving the right amount of feedback. It is only a two-year program, and they need to do it right to have any benefit. - Western part of the state – high on the agenda is water service extraction/water quality. - Have spoken in depth on ground water. - The conversations are quite broad. - Erin is trying to organise a face to face meeting later in the year. - Without collaboration you can’t have innovation. - Risk reduction newsletter program was issued last week.</p>

5	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from OWUA Technical Committee Meeting – 18 February 2021 Moved: Dave Kirby / Seconded: Peter Brown That the Minutes of the OWUA Technical Committee Meeting held in Mudgee on 18 February 2021 be taken as a true and accurate record. CARRIED</p>
6	<p>Actions from Previous Minutes Noted. Refer to actions list.</p>
7	<p>Matters In Progress</p> <p>6.1 Condition Assessment of Existing Groundwater Bores – awaiting confirmation of next steps from two (2) participating Council (as at 30/03). The project will proceed once this information is received. ACTION: Doug will speak with Alayna to verify the two (2) Council's</p> <p>6.2 Asset Revaluation – information requested received from five (5) of nine (9) participating Councils (as at 30/03). Tender documents drafted. Once required information has been received from the remaining four (4) Councils, tender documents will be finalised. ACTION: Doug will speak with Alayna to verify the four (4) Council's</p> <p>6.3 Water Survey Summary Report – awaiting workforce data from one Council prior to compiling summary report. ACTION: Doug will speak with Alayna to verify the one (1) Council</p>
8	<p>OWUA Operators Group A great idea to invite/bring an operator to a meeting later in the year</p>
9	<p>OWUA Tier 1 Business Continuity Plan Motion: That the OWUA Technical Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report on OWUA Tier 1 Business Continuity Plan 2. Adopt the OWUA Tier 1 Business Continuity Plan <p>Moved: Dave Kirby / Seconded: Peter Brown The motion was carried.</p>
10	<p>Best Practice Compliance/Asset Management Noted.</p>
11	<p>Member Council Updates</p> <p>Bogan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the water side, natural flow is still high and the quality is good also - Not too much different to last meeting - First water storage is ongoing due to it being so wet - Drinking water onsite workshop next month - Mains replacement ongoing <p>Bourke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new water treatment plant is good - Public works did the estimate cost on a steel one (1) meg res. Estimated came back to be \$2.1 million - Went out to tender, came back at \$2.6 million. In the process of asking Government for more funding - Too much overhead as a lot of new infrastructure <p>Brewarrina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital works program has been completed - Scheduled works until end of financial year <p>Central Darling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tender documents gone out for the three (3) water treatment plants - Bringing in a valve replacement plan

	<p>Cobar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A <p>Mid-Western</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have received Consultants report back re scoping of villages - There was a major failure at Mudgee STP. This was a total failure of pipelines in a few sections. Emergency works were required to get it back up running <p>Narromine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IWCM process underway - Engaged Public works to hydraulic model - Finished the Grant Stimulus project - Drinking water management plan is finalised - Council has a safe secure grant to build a water treatment plant at Tomingley - Upgrade sewer pump stations in Trangie - Program in the next financial year for the refurbishment of pump stations <p>Walgett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A <p>Warren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenders are out for the Nevertire res. The concern is supplying Nevertire water whilst res is out of action - New sewer treatment plant is about 50% finalised - Drinking water report has commenced - Started the work to get Collie water chlorinated - The concrete res at Warren has been taken offline - Trunk main has been built in Warren <p>Warrumbungle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tender for ground water pipeline has been awarded - Recommendation for SCADA replacement going to next Council meeting
12	<p>Cold Call Surveys</p> <p>Presentation on Cameras that mount to hat/helmet and allows to interact with your staff</p> <p>ACTION: Doug to follow up</p>
13	<p>Upcoming Meetings, Events and Conference</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Next Meeting - Thursday 10 June – Bourke</p> <p>Activities to be decided on by Doug and Peter</p>
14	<p>General Business</p> <p>Nil.</p>
15	<p>Meeting Close</p> <p>1:29pm</p>