

MINUTES

MEETING OF:	Orana Water Utilities Alliance Operators Group
DATE:	Tuesday 19 February
VENUE:	Warren Cultural and Sporting Complex Centre

Meeting opened 10.10am

ATTENDEES

Organisation	Name	Role
Bogan Shire Council	Jayantha Ediriweera (Edi)	
Brewarrina Shire Council	Gary (Fred) Turner Craig Peterson	Town Supervisor WTP and STP Operator
Central Darling Shire Council	Tim Gageler Peter Kataloti	Ivanhoe WTP Operator CDSC WTP Consultant
Cobar Shire Council	Peter Hosie	Plant Operator
Mid-Western Regional Council	Tom Baldwin Rod Morton Matt Purtell	Treatment Plant Supervisor Operator
Narromine Shire Council	Dwayne Donnelly (10.55am)	
Warren Shire Council	Kerry Jones Darren Clark Michael George	Town Services Manager Services Overseer Treatment Plant Operator
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Graham Richardson	Supervisor South
NSW Health	Mark Nave	Environmental Health Officer
OWUA	Alayna Gleeson	Project Officer

APOLOGIES

Bogan Shire Council	Graeme Bourke Trevor Waterhouse
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby
Walgett Shire Council	Mick Dowell Paddy Mills
DPI Water	Bruce Lamont

ITEM	
1	Welcome and Introduction Tom Baldwin from MWRC welcomed everyone, gave an update on OWUA and outlined the purpose of the Operators Group. Each attendees then introduced themselves.
2	Election of Chairperson Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson of the OWUA Operators Group for a one (1) year term. Nomination: Darren Clark Seconded: Peter Kataloti CARRIED

<p>3</p>	<p>Operators Group – Priorities and Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Kataloti – important to keep Alliance and Operators Group going. • Training – lobby Office of Water to restructure current training. Training to allow Operators to be licenced to operate certain types or sizes of plant, open book exams – need to have the source for reference in day-to-day environment. • Darren Clark – important for Technical Committee and Project Officer to support Operators Group. It was confirmed by Project Officer that the support was there. • Tom Baldwin gave an overview of previous OWUA Technical Committee Meeting Minutes • Kerry Jones – Dubbo and Coonamble – not members of JO so not part of OWUA. • Tom Baldwin – upcoming round of SSWP (Apr '19) has focus on IWCM, bores and weirs. • Peter Kataloti spoke about the Wilcannia Weir location and Kerry Jones emphasised the importance of the Catchment Management Plan • Mark Nave – Plants need to be designed to meet Health Based Targets as they will eventually come in. <p>ACTION:</p> <p><i>3.1 Project Officer to send website link to group</i></p> <p><i>3.2 Project Officer to send out LGP contact details</i></p>
<p>4</p>	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from NSW Health (Mark Nave) – Operators are the most important part of supplying water. NSW Health is available for support and are happy to attend meetings if the group wishes. Training and workshops are available. • Assessment of water quality – there are a number of contractors available. MWRC is currently working with NSW Health and DOI Water with Inspectors going through CCP's and performance. Templates are in development and will be shared with the group once finalised. • Instrument Calibration – there is a difference between calibration and verification. Some Councils are choosing to go with local contractors. • Overview of previous LMWUA Operators Group Meeting • Speaking to our neighbours is encouraged, even if not in Alliance • Peter Kataloti happy to look at equipment and is available for advice and support. • Rod Morton from MWRC is available to provide water testing training • Old equipment to be made available to other Councils. Operators Group recommend that the Councils enter in to an MOU for the sharing of equipment and resources. • Project Officer is available to handle enquiries and pass them on through the group. • Supply of Chlorine – issues with getting stock. Some Councils are stocking up to avoid supply issues. Running out can lead to health issues and boil water alerts. • Invite presenters to attend future meetings – needs to be worthwhile. Members to put forward suggestions. <p>ACTION:</p> <p><i>4.1 Project Officer to speak to NSW Health and arrange workshop/presentation at next Meeting</i></p> <p><i>4.2 Project Officer to develop online tool for the sharing of equipment, supplies and resources.</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Future Meetings Dates</p> <p>3 April – Orange – Joint Meeting with Central West Utilities Alliance as part of WIOA Conference</p> <p>23 July – Nyngan</p> <p>November – Gilgandra proposed.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Meeting Closed 11.45am</p>