

# MINUTES

<b>MEETING OF:</b>	<b>Orana Water Utilities Alliance Operators Group Meeting 2</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 July 2019</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Engineering Department, Bogan Shire Council</b>

Meeting opened 10.06am

## ATTENDEES

Organisation	Name
Bogan Shire Council	Trevor Waterhouse
Brewarrina Shire Council	Deakin Boney
Central Darling Shire Council	Tim Gageler Peter Catelotti/John Brett
Coonamble Shire Council	
Mid-Western Regional Council	Tom Baldwin Rod Morton Iain Clay
Narromine Shire Council	Anthony Everett (10.30am)
Walgett Shire Council	Patrick Willis Michael Dowell
Warren Shire Council	Kerry Jones Darren Clark
DOPIE - Water	Brendan Miller
OWUA	Alayna Gleeson

## APOLOGIES

Organisation	Name
Bogan Shire Council	Graeme Bourke
Coonamble Shire Council	Russell Smith
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby
Walgett Shire Council	Raju Ranjit Samuel Lenkaak
Warren Shire Council	Michael George
DoPIE - Water	David Swan Shyamala Manorathan Matt Parmeter
NSW Health	Mark Nave Jason Harwood

ITEM	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Darren welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, particularly given current conditions. Thanks were extended to Edi for Bogan Shire Council for his assistance in facilitating the meeting prior to his departure. Brendan Miller from DoPIE – Water was introduced to the group.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Election of Deputy Chairperson</b></p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the OWUA Operators Group for a one (1) year term.</p> <p>Nomination: Rod Morton, Mid-Western Regional Council</p> <p>Seconded: Trevor Waterhouse, Bogan Shire Council</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes from Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Motion: M Dowell/T Gageler</p> <p>That the Minutes of the OWUA Operators Group Meeting held in Warren on 19 March be taken as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Online forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In progress – WordPress site in development.</li> </ul> <p>Training Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BM sought clarification on training feedback. If there are any courses or training needed, contact BM who will identify need and try and get it on the training calendar or get additional training sessions.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TB – Lobbying to get qualifications recognised nationally.</li> <li>- PC – training locations not suitable for Western Councils. Suggestion to let course participants have coursework earlier and provide coaching, particularly with maths component.</li> <li>- TB – Engage local high school maths department. Important part is where to and how to find information.</li> <li>- Suggestion for fluoride training – three courses per year with focus on particular chemical each time.</li> <li>- RM – there is no longer an exam component – only competent and non-competent. Should be able to get a certificate just for your chemical. If you move, go back and do the other training.</li> <li>- TW – training needs to be teaching you to run your plant. As long as operators can do own plant calculations.</li> <li>- DC – is there a standard or framework for minimum requirements and then move on to individual systems?</li> <li>- TG – recently did course in Nowra. Too much information, not enough time to digest information.</li> <li>- Suggestion – give workbook and mock exam prior to course, engage local maths teachers to provide tuition.</li> <li>- BM – work with your Engineers and Inspectors, where possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>OWUA Technical Committee Update</b> Tom Baldwin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LGP presentation – looking in to making it more water/sewer friendly, future plan to include small contract contractors (up to \$1M)</li> <li>- NSW Health – workshop planning in progress</li> <li>- More information on what operators want/need</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Stakeholder Updates</b> DoPIE – Water – Brendan Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Started 6 weeks ago, background in Development Engineering in Local Government.</li> <li>- Joined Shyamala and Matt in the West – spend more time, find out issues and get Sydney to listen.</li> <li>- Roshan is coming out at the end of the week to look at IWCM’s. IWCM’s big part of role.</li> <li>- Conduit between LWU and Sydney. Here to help.</li> <li>- TB – there should be recognition of treatment plant operators as a trade? At present it is semi-skilled. Under WIOA in VIC and QLD it is recognised as a trade, just not NSW. With recognition as trade, comes increased remuneration.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Training/Events</b> Project Officer to send out potential list of topics to vote on for NSW Health Workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Critical Incidents – learn from other people, proves it can and does happen.</li> <li>- Mock incidents</li> </ul> <p>WIOA Interest Day – late 2020.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Member Council Updates</b> Narromine – lack of water Central Darling – if river stops flowing – is there a plan? Are Operators aware of the plan? MWRC – 360 GIG from Burrendong to Barwon – only 1 GIG made it to the Barwon. Massive water losses – 50 GIG/KM Warren – rainfall in the western rivers – only 6% gets in to the river systems.</p>

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	<p>Collarenabri – river stopped running yesterday. No bores.</p> <p>Walgett - 90 – 100 days left in river. Two new bores. Plenty of fluoride in the water – look at lifestyle, brush teeth.</p> <p>Desalination plants in the media – Walgett and Bourke? Opening tomorrow?</p> <p>How long does a bore take to be approved – depends on emergency – 72hours to 14 weeks.</p> <p>DoPIE customer service standards – hold department accountable.</p>
9	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>NSW Health Sampling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central Darling (Ivanhoe) – getting it to Sydney on time/at all. Process to streamline and confirm delivery/flag if non-delivered.</li> <li>- Suggestion to create a vessel to identify samples and flag urgency?</li> </ul> <p>Chlorine Gas – Coonamble participating. Anthony to follow up with Doug.</p> <p>Central Darling – Supply of Carbon – Redox (coconut/coal mix), MWRC use James Cummins (coal).</p> <p>Water Meters – remote read – MWRC almost completed installation – Taggle System. Good process, poor implementation. Two-way radio system provides data every half hour to Council. Can also be mounted to garbage trucks for reads.</p> <p>pH training and maintenance and manganese testing – Peter Catelotti. Next meeting.</p>
5	<p><b>Future Meetings Dates</b></p> <p>November – Narromine, Date TBC (in conjunction with NSW Health Workshop)</p>
6	<p><b>Meeting Closed 12.00pm.</b></p>

Following the meeting, a site visit was conducted to the Bogan Shire Council new water storages and river pump station.