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MEETING OF:	Orana Water Utilities Alliance Technical Committee Meeting No 5
DATE:	Thursday 13 June 2019
VENUE:	Bogan Shire Council Engineering Training Room - Nymagee Street Nyngan
MEETING COMMENCED:	10.10am

Attendees:

Bogan Shire Council	Jayantha Ediriweera
Bourke Shire Council	Peter Brown
Brewarrina Shire Council	David Kirby
Central Darling Shire Council	Darren Scotti
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Mid-Western Regional Council	Tom Baldwin
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby (Chair) (10.30am)
Walgett Shire Council	Samuel Lenkaak Colin Gatgens
Warren Shire Council	Kerry Jones
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Selina Xu
Department of Industry – Water	Brendan Miller
NSW Health	Mark Nave
Local Government Procurement	Aisha Rahman
OWUA Project Officer	Alayna Gleeson

Apologies:

Cobar Shire Council	Eric Poga Victor Papierniak-Wojtowicz
Mid-Western Regional Council	Brad Cam
Warren Shire Council	Darren Clarke
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Cornelia Wiebels
Orana Joint Organisation	Belinda Barlow
Department of Industry – Water	David Swan Shyamala Manorathan
NSW Health	Jason Harwood

1	<p>Presentation – Local Government Procurement Aisha Rahman, Business Development Manager, West</p> <p>Key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of LGP and VendorPanel, including live demonstration. - Some attendees expressed concern that water and sewer services were not easily locatable. AR offered to work with OWUA on a separate contract with the Contracts team. Other option is to present a Business Case but this take times and there are only a limited number of spots available. - <p>ACTION: Project Officer to distribute presentation</p>
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2	<p>Welcome and Apologies Chair, Doug Moorby opened the meeting and accepted apologies for those listed above.</p>
3	<p>Stakeholder Updates</p> <p><u>3.1 Orana Joint Organisation</u> Doug Moorby on behalf of Executive Officer, Belinda Barlow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Officer reducing to 25hrs/wk - Critical Water Advisory Panel – investigating ways to stretch water as far as they can. - Project Officer providing OWUA update to each OJO Meeting and Annual Report for August meeting. <p><u>3.2 Department of Industry – Water</u> Update from Senior Project Officer - Regional Towns Water & Sewerage, Brendan Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working in David Swan’s team – refer to attachment 1 for updated DoI – Water contact list for OWUA Region. - Safe and Secure Water Program Version 2 <p>Stream 1 – will provide funding for the development and delivery of priority solutions. The first round of funding for prioritised risks is based on known risks that have been previously identified by NSW Government agencies. These projects are known to DoI Water EPA and NSW Health and included on a priority risk listing. The prioritisation of risks will be finalised during June. Once this is done the first phase of funding will be committed to resolve the highest priority risks. Councils will be approached individually about these risks and related projects to resolve. Based on confirmation from Council of their commitment to resolve that risk co-funding assistance will be provided. It is not intended to commit all available SSWP funding in this first phase since new risks may be identified subsequently. In this instance stream 1 will not be defined by stream 2. Funding will be provided in negotiation with the LWU for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scoping studies/option analysis, • detailed planning, and • construction of infrastructure or non-infrastructure solution - with funding through to solution. <p>Stream 2- Integrated Water Cycle Management Planning. IWCM are the recommended tool for Councils to confirm the existence and severity of major risks affecting water and sewerage services in their region and for managing the LWU more generally. Risks not identified by the process above in the first phase of stream 1, funding may be prioritised subsequently based on an updated IWCM.</p> <p>Updated IWCM checklist has been released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Water Strategies <p>The NSW Government is currently developing 12 regional water strategies to address water security challenges across NSW. The regional water strategies will analyse the system-wide long-term water supply and demand trends in the 12 regional areas to determine the most appropriate and enduring water security solutions for government invest in. In particular, the regional water strategies will use new data and modelling to provide a more comprehensive assessment of drought risks in regional areas which will be able to inform water planning at all levels.</p>

The Department of Industry - Water will be leading this work and will work with agencies and water service providers to develop the strategies.

As part of the development of the regional water strategies the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will engage with key stakeholders in the individual regions, including local councils.

Consultation dates have not yet been finalised, however the Department would like to flag that targeted stakeholder consultation on the Macquarie regional water strategy will commence shortly with meetings in other areas, like the Lachlan valley, to follow.

- **Drought Notification**

The work being done by Shyamala Manorathan for the western region has been pivotal in bringing to the attention of many in government the plight of western towns in the current drought. Please assist her with providing this information when requested as soon as possible. Shyamala is collating the information for the entire state. Please assist her in this process as much as possible please.

- **Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines**

The department has recently issued the new guidelines for LTW which has been distributed to all Councils during the week 3/6/19 for comment. Comments can be provided up until the end of June 2019 and all comments are welcome. If these haven't been received by your Council, please contact the DoI Western region team.

- **NSW Reference Rates**

The department has also issued the most recent Reference rates to each Council for their assistance in preparing budgets and funding applications. These are provided for information. If these haven't been received by your Council, please contact the DoI Western region team.

- **Western Regional Team**

The additional funding being provided by the NSW government has required a change to the contacts available to Councils within DoI. The major change has been the division of the state into three regions from two. The new regions are North, South and West. Each Council in the alliance is now in the western region with additional Senior Urban Water Manager in Brendan Miller. The region is managed by David Swan.

The western region therefore will be split up as follows between the UW managers as follows. Note that this includes Councils outside the Alliance area.

- From 1 July new Department title will be Planning, Industry & Environment (DoPIE)
- DM – is the checklist for Councils or consultants? BM to clarify.
- DM – New resources dedicated to the process.
- TB – dam storages – dams not identified but to be investigated

3.3 NSW Health

Update from Mark Nave, Environmental Health Officer

- Workshop for OWUA Operators Group (including Water Unit) is being looked at for later in 2019 – will continue to work with OWUA Project Officer to confirm details.
- Raise agenda items with Operators in July. DM – Disinfection procedures
- New staff member commencing 1 July – Tim Brokenshire based in Dubbo, contact Broken Hill office during last week of June.
- DM – Crypto risk in catchments – when will details be released? Next few months. Continue to optimise operations as best you can even if deemed low risk.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important to have water quality information up-to-date. - Thanks to those who have provided Annual Reports, reminder for others.
4	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Motion: D Scotti/P Brown That the Minutes of the OWUA Technical Committee Meeting held in Narromine on 11 April be taken as a true and accurate record. CARRIED</p>
5	<p>Matters in Progress</p> <p>4. WLMP – reminder to provide feedback. Final versions delivered by 30 June so we can be invoiced for final payment and have it included in this FY budgets!</p> <p>6. Water Restrictions MWRC will consider Level 1 Restrictions at its July Meeting. Meeting with Melinda Pavey TBC.</p> <p>9. LTW Compliance Officer - Gilgandra going to Council in July, Bre has already budgeted ACTION: Project Officer to re-distribute costs based on 7 Councils - Include backflow – agreed - Advertise as FT, may be considered as PT or contract role?</p> <p>LTW Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On hold until new guidelines are adopted. </p> <p>IWCM – joint procurement – ACTION: Project Officer to investigate joint EOI interest – ring Nigel Deakin from Dol.</p> <p>Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2019/20FY contribution payment invoices will be distributed early in new FY and include CPI each year. - Remaining funds from 2018/19 will be approximately \$25-30k at EoFY. - BC met with James McTavish on 31 May and gave him a copy of the Capital Works Projects Report – he is going to get BC a meeting with senior bureaucrats from Dol. - Access to information – Project Officer drew attention to deed of agreement. </p>
6	<p>Best Practice Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All original LMWUA Councils IWCMs are due now. - Gilgandra, Walgett and Warrumbungle are in progress as part of previous LMWUA project.
7	<p>Asset Management Noted.</p>
8	<p>Water Restrictions</p> <p><u>8.1 Regional Water Restriction Guidelines Update</u> Adopted – all in favour.</p> <p><u>8.2 Water Saving Action Plan Template</u> Adopted – all in favour.</p>

	<p><u>8.3 Watering of Sportsgrounds and Private Usage of Standpipes</u> Noted.</p>
9	<p>Member Council Updates Each Council in attendance provided an update on current status.</p>
10	<p>Industry Updates <u>10.1 NSW Water Directorate</u> Update from Doug Moorby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DM (via Project Officer) to distribute Minutes once they come out. - Update on sub-Committees. <p><u>10.2 IPWEA (NSW) Asset Management Working Group</u> Tom Baldwin was nominated by Peter Brown and accepted the nomination. A second nomination was received from Jayantha Ediriweera which was accepted by the Chair. Both to be OWUA representatives on the IPWEA (NSW Asset Management Working Group).</p> <p><u>10.3 Smart Approved WaterMark Template updates</u> Positive feedback received. ACTION: Project Officer to advise SAWM and distribute final versions.</p>
11	<p>Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences and Training Opportunities Noted. Water Jetting training – available and recommended.</p>
12	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D Kirby – water losses along Macquarie system. Where did the water go? Formal response requested through DoI (Brendan Miller).
13	<p>Next Meeting 7 August – Orange – (Thursday PM, 1pm -3 pm) followed by joint meeting with CENTROC and AWA Conference 8/9 August</p> <p>10 October – Narromine (Thursday AM) 12 December – Mudgee (Thursday PM) Operators Group – 23 July in Nyngan.</p>
14	<p>Close Meeting closed at 12.58pm.</p>

ATTACHMENT 1 – DoI Water Regions as at June 2019

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