

MINUTES

MEETING OF:	Orana Water Utilities Alliance Technical Committee Meeting No 7
DATE:	Thursday 10 October 2019
VENUE:	Narromine Shire Council Administration Building
MEETING COMMENCED:	10.00am

Attendees:

Bogan Shire Council	Graeme Bourke Alister Quarmby
Bourke Shire Council	Peter Brown
Central Darling	Darren Scotti
Cobar Shire Council	Eric Poga
Mid-Western Regional Council	Claire Cam
Narromine Shire Council	Doug Moorby (Chair)
Warren Shire Council	Kerry Jones
Orana Joint Organisation	Belinda Barlow
DPIE – Water	Brendan Miller
NSW Health	Jason Harwood
OWUA Project Officer (PO)	Alayna Gleeson

Apologies:

Brewarrina Shire Council	David Kirby
Gilgandra Shire Council	Mark Linton-Harland
Mid-Western Regional Council	Brad Cam Tom Baldwin
Narromine Shire Council	Clr Craig Davies Andre Pretorius
Walgett Shire Council	Raju Ranjit Colin Gatgens
Warren Shire Council	Rolly Lawford
DPIE – Water	David Swan
NSW Health	Tim Brokenshire Mark Nave Trent Betts

Guests

RAMHP	Camilla Kenny
WaterNSW	Andrew Lavelle (10.45am)
DPIE - Water	Darcy Moar

1	Welcome and Apologies D Moorby welcomed and introduced guests – Camilla Kenny and Darcy Moar
2	Presentation – Getting Through the Drought <i>Camilla Kenny, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program</i> Presentation focused on being able to cope and manage stress LINK – TRAIN – INFORM – PARTNER
3	Presentation – Mid-Macquarie River Re-regulating Storage (MRRRS) Project <i>Andrew Lavelle, WaterNSW</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MRRRS Project detailed business case (due June 2020) and stakeholder engagement underway - Project aims to capture operational surplus for future use and reduce water losses by up to 10GL per year. - Two sites being considered – existing Gin Gin site (within 1km) and Rocky Point Weir with 9GL maximum storage volume and an 8-10km weir pool - If Gin Gin option is chosen, the existing weir structure would be retained and still visible (depending on flows) - Project to be state funded with funding amount to be determined following detailed business case (approximate value of \$30 million). - Feedback from group: Gin Gin Weir is preferred option for Warren Shire Council (KJ), continued communication is essential and should be done to OWUA group via PO. - Contact – MRRRS@waternsw.com.au, 1300 662 077, www.waternsw.com.au/MRRRS

<p>3a</p>	<p>Presentation – DPIE Water – Macquarie Regional Water Strategy (RWS) <i>Darcy Moar – DPIE Water</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Macquarie RWS due end of 2019 - Stakeholder engagement underway - RWS focus has broadened since the Greater Hunter RWS was developed in 2018 - Cobar confirmed in scope for Macquarie RWS even though map indicates it is outside - Macquarie RWS feeds in to Western Strategy zone – scheduled for 2020 - Climate variability data set being developed with Newcastle and Adelaide Universities - Strategies identify problems which are difficult to solve and out of control of Local Councils - Confirmed groundwater is in scope – surface and groundwater sources needs balance
<p>4</p>	<p>Stakeholder Updates</p> <p>4.1 Orana Joint Organisation <i>Belinda Barlow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity Building Fund - \$150K/JO: project targeting workforce needs, includes a water and sewer skills analysis for OJO Member Councils only, Far West Councils have been approached to be a part project and other Councils could be involved with financial contribution. PO – skills analysis in line with framework with aim to have operators Cert III and WIOA certified, covers water/wastewater/reticulation. - Clr Doug Batten resigned as OJO Board Chair with Clr Craig Davies (Narromine) elected as OJO Chair for next 12 months. <p>4.2 DPIE – Water <i>Brendan Miller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided overview of the new federal 'National Water Grid Authority' and their role in the water management space. - It has been suggested in the media that all 'critical state significant Infrastructure' proposals will now be fast tracked through the Minister for Planning the Hon Rob Stokes office, which is intended to reduce any delays otherwise imposed by the NSW Planning Commission. - There are also media reports that the Minister for Water the Hon Melinda Pavey has suggested there will be a revised focus by the government on new dams and pipelines for long term water security. - All Councils should be incorporating any long term water projects into their IWCM's, including those that could lead to water savings recognised under the Sustainable Diversion Limits and the MDBA. - Around 30 projects that were submitted under version 1 of the Safe & Secure Water Program (SSWP) have now received endorsement for funding. The Department is in the process of writing to those Councils who have been successful in this regard. It was suggested that those Councils struggling to resource projects may consider pooling money (funded money) to engage consultants/project managers for a more collaborative approach. - Thanked the Councils for the quality of monthly drought status reports that are being submitted, and reminded Councils that it is difficult for staff to endorse funding if a clear and succinct situational report (sitrep) is not provided.

	<p>4.3 NSW Health <i>Jason Harwood</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crypto Risk Assessment (RA) packages will soon be sent via email. This provides a rating risk, information on how the level of risk was determined, a fact sheet on general CCP and DWMS and a spreadsheet with data to be reviewed/completed to ensure RA accuracy. Councils assistance is appreciated in completing and returning the spreadsheet. - If any additional sampling or support is required, speak to Mark and/or Jason - Warren – bore water quality sampling project in progress due to increased sodium levels - Discussion around RO processes - Reminder that Quality Assurance Plans are required for all potable water carters and need to be submitted to PHU.
5	<p>Confirmation of Minutes – OWUA Meeting 7 August 2019 Motion: K Jones/C Cam That the Minutes of the OWUA Technical Committee Meeting held in Orange on 7 August 2019 be taken as a true and accurate record. CARRIED</p>
6	<p>OWUA Operators Group Update PO provided update on upcoming NSW Health Workshop and survey outcomes. Awaiting draft agenda from NSW Health.</p>
7	<p>Matters in Progress/Projects Update</p> <p>5. Reservoir Inspections program commences 12 October in Walgett and will run through to 30 October in Warrumbungle.</p> <p>10. PO to work with relevant Councils on commitment to project and procurement method.</p> <p>22. SAWM Social Media videos were well received and once logos are updated (quality), these will be released for use.</p> <p>25. STEV – short term changes can turn in to long term changes – sets a precedence and erosion of standards. Councils have a commitment in their DWMS to meet ADWG.</p> <p>28. Water supply fact sheets in progress and will be distributed to group.</p>
8	<p>Best Practice Compliance Noted.</p>
9	<p>Asset Management Noted. Warren now completed.</p>
10	<p>Member Council Updates Each Council in attendance provided an update on current status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bogan – restructure still in progress, carting water to Girilambone and Coolabah, DMP strategies – installing a temporary aqua dam in river, investigating bores, EM survey along APC to determine leaks and strategy for repairs, \$8.2M funding for further storage, leakage issues with new storage. - Bourke – Desalination plant to be installed end of Nov, Bourke WTP tendered to same company as Cobar WTP and will go in to full construction after Christmas, water carting to Byrock, \$1.3M for new potable water tower, Bourke out of river water end of Nov, bore system been running 4 days on and off – should be ok. Two more bores, another pipeline in progress under emergency funding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Darling – Ivanhoe storage over 12 months supply, White Cliffs has 5 months supply, Wilcannia have reverted back to river supply due to flow from Warrego, Administration extended to 2024, fierce summer ahead, White Cliffs WTP waiting for section 60 approval, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe WTP’s scope to be widened. Ivanhoe Correctional Centre scheduled to close in 2020. - Cobar – new WTP opened by Deputy Premier, Cast iron pipe replacement tenders being reviewed, tenders open to upgrade 3 x STP’s and inlet works at STP, reservoir roof upgrades design, drought planning – trains from the end of June, balance between mining operations and town water supply, storage in old Cobar mine being investigated. - MWRC – effluent re-use for Council controlled roadworks sites, remaining 1,000 smart meters to be installed – successful projects thus far, engagement with staff across departments in more detail prior to public launch. Education of community on water restrictions and demand management, DWMS audit completed – results 2/7 recommendations with improvement list developed. - Narromine – Level 3 restrictions, one of the deep bores online, installation of heavy metals/manganese removals unit, investigating 2 x lagoon sedimentation ponds to deal with iron and management levels, draft DMP, water conservation measures for Trangie and Tomingley. - Warren – Calx manhole rehab – cost effective and highly recommended, ongoing issues with Warren STP upgrade project has lead to contractor being terminated, trouble with bores, lower weir leakage issues, pump electricals not sufficient to increase pumping. Sodium levels increasing in Warren but decreasing in non-potable Collie supply.
11	Industry Updates Noted.
12	Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences and Training Opportunities As per Agenda.
13	Cold Call Surveys Noted.
14	General Business Nil.
15	Next Meeting 12 December – Mudgee (PM)
16	Confidential Item (Closed Session) PO to proceed as per recommendation.
17	Close Meeting closed at 2.20pm.