

## BULLETIN

November 2015

### A report of matters covered at Southern Rural Water's 12 November 2015 Board meeting and associated events

The meeting was held at D'Olive Quality Suites, Point Cook

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Terry Burgi	Chairman
	Ms Diane James AM	Director
	Ms Kate Calvert	Director
	Ms Naomi Pye	Director
	Ms Naomi Benjamin	Director
	Mr Michael Malouf	Director
	Mr Terry Swingler	Director
	Mr Clinton Rodda	Managing Director
	Mr Stuart Wrigglesworth	Chief Financial Officer & Corporation Secretary

**Apologies:** Nil

#### First meeting of the new SRW Board

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, and especially those Directors appointed to the Board on 1 October 2015.

A short biography for each Director is attached to this Bulletin.

#### Management report

The Managing Director provided an over view of several important operational matters discussed in the management report:

- Progress by the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DELWP) to facilitate the proposed state-wide Water Plan. SRW have been an active participant in the development of strategic priorities for the Water Plan, and the Board was particularly interested to understand the status of Water Grid proposals; and
- SRW attendance at the recent Essential Services Commission (ESC) pricing review workshop. The Managing Director advised the Board that SRW is well placed to meet ESC requirements for the next regulatory pricing period (from 1 July 2018).

#### Werribee and Bacchus Marsh Modernisation

The difficult seasonal conditions being experienced by Werribee and Bacchus Marsh irrigators was discussed a number of times during the meeting. The Managing Director provided a status report of the low district water allocation.

There is widespread concern throughout the irrigation community and the Managing Director, and other senior SRW staff, have met with irrigators on a number of occasions to discuss possible options.

The Board agreed that the current situation in Werribee and Bacchus Marsh reinforced the case for irrigation modernisation. Significant water savings will result from the proposed work, and in future dry periods, these savings will improve the districts resilience to dry conditions.

### **Hallets Way Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

SRW and Moorabool Shire have worked together to share the costs of commencing the modernisation of the Bacchus Marsh irrigation district. The proposal allows the Moorabool Shire to avoid the construction of a syphon under a new major roadway (Hallets Way), and contribute these funds to the first stage of modernisation works.

The Board approved the proposed MOU between SRW and Moorabool Shire.

### **Appointment of Deputy Chairman**

The Board appointed Diane James AM as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation.

### **Board Committee membership**

The Board appointed the members of each Committee. These details are provided latter in this Bulletin.

### **Customer Consultative Committee representatives**

The Board appointed the representatives for each Customer Committee. These details are provided latter in this Bulletin.

### **Corporate risk – Loss of scale**

The Managing Director elaborated upon the presentation slides provided with the agenda. The Board welcomed the opportunity to review this risk in detail, and noted management's assessment of a High residual risk rating.

### **Further reports**

A number of additional reports were noted or approved by the Board:

- Business Performance Dashboard
- Strategy Scorecard
- Approval of a cost variation for the Southern Tinamba Pipeline Project
- Revision of Board policies:
  - Board Agenda
  - Public Consultation on Applications
- 2016 Board meeting schedule  
Whereby the Board confirmed that Board meetings will occur on the first Tuesday of the respective month (other than November 2016 which will occur on the last Tuesday in October)
- Revision to the Instrument of Delegation
- Update to the Director Internet and Email Use guideline
- Financial Report

- September 2016 Board meeting feedback
- Customer consultative committee reports
- Board committee reports
- Chairman and Directors' reports
- Compliance, VCAT and major planning matters
- High profile licence applications
- Board administration, FOI, documents sealed and Board correspondence

**Next meeting**

The next meeting for the Board will be held on 3 December 2015 in Melbourne.

## Southern Rural Water Directors: From 1 October 2015

Name:	Location:	Biography:	Board Committee member	Customer Committee representative
Terry <b>BURGI</b>  CHAIR	Wandin North	<b>Mr Burgi:</b> was appointed Director to Southern Rural Water in July 2004, Deputy Chair in August 2010 and Chair in October 2011. Mr Burgi is a fruit grower in the Yarra Valley. He has over 30 years' experience representing farmers in industry organisations at regional, state and federal levels and is a CFA volunteer with over 45 years of active service. Mr Burgi has a Bachelor in Engineering (Agricultural). He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Member of the Institution of Engineers Australia.	R&CG (Chair) AG OC	MCCC
Diane <b>JAMES AM</b>  DEPUTY CHAIR	Geelong	<b>Ms James AM:</b> Ms James has a background in business ownership and development, and currently works as a Mentor and Coach in Leadership Development. She is the Interim Chair at Bellarine Bayside Committee of Management and former Chair for 11 years of the Victorian Coastal Council. She is a Director of St Laurence Community Services and former Director of Barwon Water. Ms James is an accredited Executive Coach, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has a Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. In 2013, she was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia.	OC (Chair) R&CG	
Naomi <b>PYE</b>	Portland	<b>Ms Pye:</b> was appointed Director to Southern Rural Water in 2011. She is a Dairy Farmer at Bessiebelle. She was a Board member of the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority and has previously held board and committee roles with the Victorian Farmers Federation, WestVic Dairy Project Steering Committee and Australian Dairy Farmers. Mr Pye has completed an Advanced Diploma of Agriculture.	A&RP R&CG OC	G&R Forum
Terry <b>SWINGLER</b>	Oakleigh South	<b>Mr Swingler:</b> was appointed Director to Southern Rural Water in October 2013. He is also a Director of Joint Government Enterprises Ltd and Equisuper Pty Ltd. Mr Swingler has held senior roles at Yarra Valley Water as General Manager and Corporate Secretary at Melbourne Water. Mr Swingler has a Diploma of Business and is a Fellow of CPA Australia, Chartered Secretaries Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.	A&RP (Chair) R&CG OC	
Kate Alexandra <b>CALVERT</b>	Darlington	<b>Ms Calvert:</b> is the Director at KG Calvert & Co, a meat farming business, and has worked as Landcare Coordinator for Watershed 2000 and as a local teacher. Ms Calvert has a Master of Science (Environmental Management), Bachelor of Science and Graduate Diploma of Education.	AG OC	
Michael <b>MALOUF</b>	Wandana Heights	<b>Mr Malouf:</b> is the Director of Malouf Management Services Pty Ltd and is a Sessional Member at Planning Panels Victoria. During his career, he has held various executive positions in local councils and was also Managing Director at Barwon Water. Mr Malouf is a Director at Western Victoria Primary Health Network. He has a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Civil Engineering and is a Graduate and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.	AG (Chair) A&RP OC	
Naomi <b>BENJAMIN</b>	Lake Wendouree	<b>Ms Benjamin:</b> is the Chief Financial Officer at Elmstone Group. She specialises in property development and investment. She is a Director at Sport Climbing Victoria and SANB Valhalla Pty Ltd. Ms Benjamin has a Bachelor of Business Studies (Marketing).	A&RP OC	WBMCCC

R&CG = Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee; AG = Asset Governance Committee; OC = Organisational Culture Committee; A&RP = Audit and Risk Policy Committee  
MCCC – Macalister Customer Consultative Committee; WBMCCC = Werribee Bacchus Marsh Customer Consultative Committee; G&R Forum = Groundwater and Rivers Forum