

BULLETIN

November 2014

A report of matters covered at Southern Rural Water's 6 November 2014 Board meeting and associated events

The meeting was held at Mount Gambier

- Present:** Mr Terry Burgi, Chairman
Ms Andrea Killeen, Deputy Chairperson
Ms Gabrielle Bell, Director
Mr Matthew Coleman, Director
Mr Russell Napper, Director
Ms Naomi Pye, Director
Mr Terry Swingler, Director
Mr Clinton Rodda, Managing Director
Mr Brian Carr, Corporation Secretary
- By Telephone:** Mr Lincoln Eddy, Manager Strategy & Performance (for part)
Mr Paul Byrnes, General Manager Technical Services (for part)
Mr Stuart Wrigglesworth, Chief Financial Officer (for part)
- Apology:** Nil

Events held in association with SRW's November 2014 Board meeting

- An inspection tour of the Vic/SA Groundwater Border Zone, meeting at various sites and meeting with customers:
 - Engelbrecht cave, inspecting the site and noting the passage of groundwater to the Blue Lake via limestone.
 - Blue Lake, an amazing feature of the area, providing the urban water supply to the Mount Gambier city (the largest SA population outside of Adelaide).
 - Mr Kevin Stark, at his beef, sheep and cropping enterprise at Lake Mundi.
 - Mr Terry Buckley, running a prime lamb and potato production property at Pleasant Park.
 - Mr Andrew and Mrs Marika McKinnon, who farm some 1,200 deer, bred for antler production and export to China for herbal medicine.
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- A dinner meeting with customers and stakeholders at which SRW Managing Director made a presentation on the corporation's strategic direction and its particular application in the development of the South West Limestone Local Management Plan.



At Engelbrecht cave



Kevin Stark (at left) discusses irrigation at his Lake Mundi property



Terry Buckley (red top) explaining ground preparation for his potato crop



Andrew McKinnon discussing deer antler production, the antlers having just come out of the fridge before export to China

MID2030 Phase 1B Business Case – Southern-Tinamba Supply Zone

The Board discussed the development of the MID2030 Phase 1B Business Case and noted the preferred option of a hybrid channel automation and pipeline scheme for upgrading the Southern-Tinamba supply zone.

Approach to the use of MID Water Savings

The Board noted the identified options for the use of water savings from the MID2030 strategy. Management will consult with the Macalister Customer Consultative Committee on the proposed approach.

Managing the SRW Thomson Bulk Entitlement Policy

Changes to the entitlement rules were approved at the Board's June 2014 meeting. The Board approved a policy that now formalises the changes; a copy of the policy will be made available on SRW's website.

Policy Review: Circumstances under which a Groundwater Licence Fee is Not Charged for Dewatering

This is a long-standing policy, aimed at government departments and statutory bodies that dewater facilities to protect infrastructure or mitigate salinity risks. It recognises that dewatering of assets provides a public benefit and does not create a commercial gain for the agency or department concerned. The Board approved an update to the policy; a copy will be made available on SRW's website.

Business Continuity Policy

Business continuity management provides a cost-effective control to respond to risks that cause disruptions to normal business activities. The Board approved a new policy, the purpose of which is to reduce the impacts of unexpected events by enabling faster recovery and resumption of critical business processes. The policy will work in conjunction with SRW's Corporate Incident Management Plan.

Change to Boating Rules, Blue Rock Lake

The Board noted proposed changes to the boating rules at Blue Rock Lake which, in essence, will now allow for fishing boats to operate at that location. The changes follow consultation with Gippsland Water, Baw Baw Shire, the Department of Health and various fishing clubs. Consultant GHD undertook a risk assessment of various scenarios. The changes will be implemented via the *Marine Safety Act 2010*.

Management Report

Several points of the Management Report were addressed:

- South West Limestone Local Management Plan.
- Lindenow Valley water security project.
- Victorian Environmental Water Holder storage charges.
- Water Industry Regulatory Order.
- Enterprise agreement.
- High performance culture strategy.
- Information security audit.
- Water law review.
- Ministerial delegations.

Further Reports

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

- Monthly financial statements.
- Business performance dashboard.
- Strategy scorecard.
- Customer consultative committee reports.
- Board committee reports.
- Chairman's and directors' reports.
- Board delegations.
- 2015 Board calendar.
- Compliance and VCAT matters.
- High profile licence applications.
- Major projects.
- Board administration, FOI, documents sealed and Board correspondence.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held in Melbourne on Friday 12 December 2014.

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