

Board Meeting Overview

Date: **Friday 20 May 2011**

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Newhaven

Present: Chairman Tony Leonard

Managing Director Murray Jackson

Members: Trevor Nink, Leah Young, Leigh Hocking,

Jane Bell, Alison von Bibra

In Attendance GM Operations: Steven Porter

GM Business Services: Kylie White

GM Employee & Customer Relations: Merryl Todd

GM Risk & Regulation Peter Winterburn

Executive Assistant Christine Hammond

By invitation where appropriate: Keith Gregory, Jeremy Ballenger



Water Supply

Candowie Reservoir remains at the 100 percent mark following regular rain events.

Board Approvals

The Board discussed and approved the following:

- Delegation of signing of Build-over Agreements.
- The quarterly KPI report to the Department of Sustainability & Environment.
- Access Usage & Miscellaneous charges for the forthcoming year, as approved by the Essential Services Commission.

Board Reports

In addition to the standard reports, the Board received reports on:-

- An update of the Phillip Island Recycled Water Scheme dealing with, in particular, the community engagement and consultation.
- A report from the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee in relation to the appointment of an independent external member of the Audit & Risk Committee
- The Corporate Plan for the forthcoming year approved at the April Board meeting has been discussed and lodged with DSE. Work has commenced in relation to the 2013-18 Water Plan.
- The Ministerial Advisory Committee is due to hand down its report on Integrated Water Initiatives which is expected to cover recycled class A water, stormwater harvesting, bore water and energy efficient appliances.
- Progress of the Under-Channel Pipeline project with directors & staff invited to inspect the worksite at Newhaven, where the 200 mm diameter mud return line is near completion, ahead of drilling the 450 mm diameter water pipeline.
- The new Asset Management System has now been populated and is being incorporated into the asset maintenance program and will commence from 1 July. Delegates from South Gippsland Water and other regional water corporations have been invited to visit the Westernport Water office to inspect the system with a view to adoption.
- Bass Coast Shire Council approved an application for rezoning of the area surrounding Candowie Reservoir in order to acquire land within the flood control zone for revegetation. The resultant effect being an improvement of water quality and in preparation for the possible increase in capacity of the reservoir.

The Board noted that until such time as a price for Melbourne Pool Water, including desalinated water, was known the Board remains unable to complete and consider a cost-benefit analysis on the capacity enhancement project.

The Board noted recent media comment on the options of increasing capacity of Candowie by excavation as an alternative to raising the existing concrete wall 3 metres and dismissed the idea on the basis that excavation would cost five times as much as raising the wall.

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm with Members and the executive retiring for strategic discussions on the current and future Capital Expenditure programs. At the conclusion of deliberations some members toured the Under-Channel Pipeline project, while others joined in discussion with the Customer Consultative Panel.