

BOARD MEETING OVERVIEW



WESTERNPORT
WATER

Date Friday 20 September 2013

Time 8.30 am

Venue Newhaven

Present

Chairman	Trevor Nink
Managing Director	Murray Jackson
Members:	Geoff Coleman
	Roland Lindell
	Barbara Wagstaff
	John Duscher
	Guy Wilson-Browne
	Carol Pagnon

In Attendance

GM Business Services	Kylie White
GM Customer Service	Sadie Warkotsch
GM Risk, Regulation & Resources	Peter Winterburn
GM Operations	Steven Porter
Acting Board & Executive Coordinator	Taylor Hammond

Board Reports for Noting

In addition to the standard reports, the Board received and noted the following:

- The Department of Health Water Quality Annual Report 2012-2013 was tabled and discussed. Westernport Water was compliant with the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003*, the *Safe Drinking Water Regulations, 2005* and the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, 2011* throughout the reporting period. It was also pleasing to note the continuing improvement in the results.
- Westernport Water is required to submit an Annual Performance Statement (APS), to EPA Victoria for our Cowes and King Road Wastewater Treatment Plants in accordance with EPA guidelines. The Board noted that Westernport Water had two non-compliances in the reporting period, both relating to exceptional high rainfall events and discharges higher than normal from the waste water treatment facilities. Discussions have been held with EPA regarding remedies to the issues involved
- A progress report was tabled on the illegal tapping and infiltration of stormwater into the WPW waste water system. There has been a reduction in specific areas on these matters but more investigation and remedial actions will be an ongoing task
- The Audit and Risk Committee reported on the work in progress of a new Internal Audit Program which will be presented to the Board the upcoming meeting
- The Board also discussed the major Contracts coming up for tender and decided to seek a review by the Executive Committee of the best financing method on the provision of fleet vehicles for Westernport Water.

Board Reports Approved

The major item for Board approval in September was the ratification of the adoption of the 2012/2013 Financial Statements which had been presented at the prior Board Meeting.

The Board nominated Member Wilson-Browne as the Board representative on WPW's Project Control Group as part of the governance structure for the Office of Living Victoria (OLV) funded research project.

General Issues

The Board discussed the opening on 30 August of the Candowie Reservoir upgrade to double the storage capacity and provide planned supplies to the community for the next four decades. There have been many positive feedback messages from the official opening by the Honourable Ken Smith, MLA for Bass and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The planting of trees and shrubs by local primary schools on the day preceding the opening and the open house on the site the day after the opening were additional highlights.

The new signboard in front of the Newhaven office has revealed to the community that into September the expanded reservoir has quickly filled to 100% capacity instead of the rainfall just flowing into Westernport Bay.

The Board meeting closed at 2:00 pm