



Board Meeting Overview

Date: **Thursday 16 February 2012**

Time: 10.15am

Venue: Newhaven

Present: Chairman Tony Leonard:

Managing Director Murray Jackson,

Members: Jane Bell, Geoff Coleman, Roland Lindell,

Trevor Nink, Barbara Wagstaff and Leah Young

In Attendance: GM Operations: Steven Porter,

GM Employee & Customer Relations: Merryl Todd,

GM Risk & Regulation: Peter Winterburn, GM Business Services: Kylie White,

Executive Assistant: Christine Hammond

Water Supply

Candowie Reservoir at the end of the holiday period stood at 75% and is anticipated to continue to drop due to events on Phillip Island such as the Superbikes and Easter. The advent of a lower water storage level enables bore testing to commence in March, whereby the bores will be used and the recovery rate of the aquifer measured. This exercise will determine the sustainability of the bore field and form part of our case to increase the Bulk Entitlement from such source if required in the future.

Board Approvals

- The quarterly financial return to the Department of Sustainability & Environment was approved for submission to the Department.
- Additional funding was approved for the Bass water supply pipeline project due to changes in scope and increased cost.



Board Reports

In addition to the standard reports including financial reports as at 31 January 2012:

- The meeting of the Customer Consultative Panel in December 2011
- The meetings of the Audit & Risk and Remuneration Committees held on 16 February which preceded the Board Meeting.
- Investment Gateway Projects.
- An update on the progress to date on the Silverleaves waste water investigation.
- The commencement on 14 February 2012 of the chloramination of the water supply from the San Remo Basin which services San Remo and Phillip Island.
- Discussion in relation to the Essential Services Commission report in which all water corporations are benchmarked against each other on a range of activities. Although Westernport Water was marked particularly well on the majority of criteria the focus was on the time spent on air-scouring pipelines.
- It was noted that the Minister for Water the Hon Peter Walsh will be visiting the corporation together with our local Member the Hon Ken Smith for discussions with the Chairman, Managing Director and senior staff on 23 February.
- The Board, Executive Management Team and senior officers engaged in a two day Strategic Planning workshop, the focus of which was the preparation of the draft Water Plan 3 covering the period from 2013 to 2018.

The forum was addressed by Peter Mosse Ph.D., on the production of compliant water quality and the feasibility of increasing the safety factor substantially in excess of the standards to achieve best practice standards for water quality.

An essential element of this process is community consultation. This will be achieved not only by discussion with community groups, but also the regular Customer Consultative Panel meetings, and presentations to various service clubs in the district.

The meeting concluded Friday 17 at 3.00pm.