



# ***WATER RESOURCES RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INC.***

MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

PUBLIC SERVICE CLUB  
84 WILLIAM ST, BRISBANE, QLD 4000

<b>Opening:</b>	The Chairman (President Hein van der Heide) opened the meeting at 11:10am and welcomed members, guests and Co-Patrons, Mr John Bradley and Mr Peter Boettcher.												
<b>Present:</b>	16 members and 8 guests (See attached list of attendees and apologies)												
<b>Apologies:</b>	Apologies were received from 12 members (See attached list of attendees and apologies)												
<b>Memorial:</b>	<p>The President paid respect to the 10 members, friends and old colleagues who had passed away during the year:</p> <table><tr><td>John O'Shea</td><td>Lottie Hannam</td><td>Charlie Paolucci</td></tr><tr><td>Carl Luppi</td><td>John Way</td><td>Geoff Ward</td></tr><tr><td>Pam Bevin</td><td>Graham Hunter</td><td>Bernie McDonald</td></tr><tr><td>Wally Urquart</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>A minute's silence was observed for those who had passed away.</p>	John O'Shea	Lottie Hannam	Charlie Paolucci	Carl Luppi	John Way	Geoff Ward	Pam Bevin	Graham Hunter	Bernie McDonald	Wally Urquart		
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<b>Address by Co-Patrons:</b>	<p>John Bradley, Director-General, Department of Environment and Resource Management, and Peter Boettcher, Chief Executive, SunWater, each gave an overview of the current activities and issues facing their organisations.</p> <p>John spoke of how the Association plays a significant role in maintaining the connections and bonds between the many of whom had been part of building the water resource facilities of the State. He also made reference to the skill sets that members held as a result of their knowledge developed during their working lives. He noted that these skills remain highly valued.</p> <p>He noted the impact on his organisation of the flooding that had occurred across Queensland earlier this year. In particular he referred to the Commission of Enquiry into the Brisbane floods in January (noting that the findings from that may well have implications for other parts of Queensland) and the</p>												

	<p>environmental recovery program being undertaken.</p> <p>Among challenges being faced are those arising from the development of the coal seam gas resource and urban water reform.</p> <p>Peter provided an oversight of the current structure, personnel and projects of SunWater. He outlined how new developments, such as coal seam gas with its attendant production of water, raised questions for an organisation established around provision of water supply. He noted the diversification of the organisation from what, in times past, had been its traditional customer base of irrigation farmers.</p> <p>Peter described the projects on SunWater’s current program and the funding demands for their construction.</p> <p>The positive side of the wet spell this year was that all storages were full, but the flooding had caused some damage. However, considering the extent and scale of the flooding, the water storages under the control of SunWater had fared well.</p> <p>The President thanked both John and Peter for the insight they had given of their organisations and for each of them making the time available to join us at the AGM.</p>
<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM:</b></p>	<p>Moved Brian Shannon, Seconded Lee Rogers, that the Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<p><b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>Brian Shannon noted that the position of Secretary, vacated by John Connolly, had been filled during the year with the appointment of Peter Jones.</p>
<p><b>Reports:</b></p>	<p><u>President’s Report:</u></p> <p>Hein Van der Heide presented the President’s report. A copy of the Report is attached.</p> <p>Moved Hein van der Heide, Seconded John Connolly, that the President’s Report be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>Bevan Faulkner presented the Treasurer’s Report, including the audited statement of accounts. A copy of the Report is attached.</p> <p>Moved Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Dave Morwood, that the Treasurer’s Report as tabled be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>

<p><b>Election of Office Bearers:</b></p>	<p>The Secretary reported that only one nomination had been received, that being the nomination of Bevan Faulkner for the position of Treasurer.</p> <p>The President stood down for the election. Lee Rogers took the Chair.</p> <p>As there were no nominations, apart for the one nomination for Treasurer, and as all members of the outgoing Management Committee had indicated their willingness to be reappointed, Lee Rogers moved that all current Management Committee members to be re-appointed to their current positions for the coming year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p>Hein van der Heide resumed the Chair.</p> <p>Office Bearers for the coming year are:</p> <table data-bbox="435 772 1117 953"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Hein van der Heide</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Geoff Eades</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Bevan Faulkner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Peter Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Members</td> <td>Brian Shannon and Terry Loos</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lee Rogers (as Immediate Past President) and Ian Pullar (as Newsletter Editor) declared to be ex-officio members of the Management Committee. Both had indicated their willingness to continue in these positions.</p>	President	Hein van der Heide	Vice President	Geoff Eades	Treasurer	Bevan Faulkner	Secretary	Peter Jones	Committee Members	Brian Shannon and Terry Loos
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<p><b>Co-Patrons:</b></p>	<p>Both John Bradley and Peter Boettcher have indicated their willingness to continue in the role of CoPatrons. Both were re-appointed.</p>										
<p><b>Auditor:</b></p>	<p>As no other nomination has been received and as Ray Sutherland has indicated his willingness to continue as Auditor for the Association, he was re-appointed as the Hon Auditor for the Association.</p>										
<p><b>General Business:</b></p>	<p><u>Digitising old photographs for the web site</u></p> <p>Jon Henry (the Association's Web Master) detailed a proposal he had suggested to the President.</p> <p>He has recently bought a scanner that can process photograph film and slides to produce a digital image. He offered to work with members to scan any old photographs or slides they may have and put the images up on the Association's web site. He could meet with members to process the images with them, thus ensuring that valuable photos did not have to leave the possession of the owner. The scanned images can be loaded onto an SD Card for the member's personal use.</p> <p>Jon has put a series of photos of the Baralaba Anabranh Weir on the web site</p>										

	<p>both for the interest of members and as a demonstration of what he envisaged.</p> <p>The proposal was well received and the President encouraged members to consider what they may be able to contribute through their old photo collections.</p> <p><u>Interaction with Seqwater</u></p> <p>Brian Shannon questioned progress on attempted contacts with Seqwater in relation to actively recruiting members from this organisation.</p> <p>The President advised that an attempt to contact Peter Burrows had not received a response and a later attempt to contact Mr Druy had received only a vague response. He agreed that a further attempt to pursue a relationship with Seqwater should be made. Nev Ablitt undertook to follow this matter up.</p>
<b>Closure:</b>	<p>There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.</p>



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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>Members</b> Hein van der Heide (Chair) Peter Jones Bevan Faulkner John Morse Lee Rogers Brian Shannon Dave Morwood Alan Seabrook John Connolly Neville Ablitt Geoff Eades Errol Beitz Terry Loos John Cantor Jon Henry Phil James	Ian Pullar Peter Bevan Ross Stewart Norm White Eric Davis Donna Simpson Peter Phillips Peter Noonan Jim Uhlmann Rob Hitchcock Tom Fenwick Ben Russo
<b>Guests</b> Peter Boettcher John Bradley Wendy Faulkner Francoise van der Heide Judy Morwood Kala Henry Laurel Connolly Greg Claydon	

# **Water Resources Retirees' Association**

**Annual General Meeting 28 April 2011**

## **President's Report 2010 - 2011**

It is with pleasure that I present this report for the year 2010 – 2011, to this 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association.

This year the Association has continued to carry out its objectives of promoting social interaction among members, in particular, by way of our newsletter which has been keeping members informed since the first issue in September 1989.

During the latter half of our term of office, we witnessed the devastating floods in central and south Queensland and the cyclonic events in north Queensland. While some of our members were impacted by these events, to the best of our knowledge, none of them were seriously affected.

We are aware that some of our former work colleagues are appearing before the current flood commission. We are thinking of them and give them our moral support, in what must at times be a harrowing and traumatic experience.

### **Membership**

The membership of our Association is currently 205, a decrease of 2 compared to last year. The membership comprises 101 ordinary members, 48 country members, 25 paid up members (over 75 years) and 31 widowed spouse members.

Three new members joined during the year. They were Julie MacPherson, Paul Mills and Russ Robson.

Membership of the Association is open to retired or presently serving employees of what was the Water Resources Commission and its succeeding bodies. These are now primarily the Department of Environment and Resource Management and SunWater, but employees of other water agencies are also welcome in the Association.

In common with many other organisations, maintaining membership numbers is an ongoing issue, particularly as the pool of potential members appears to be decreasing. The recruitment of new members will be a focus for the incoming Committee. I urge all members to assist in identifying potential members and invite them to join the Association or refer their names to the Secretary or other Committee Members. Membership subscription fees remain a very minimal amount.

Some of our long standing members, who have been very active participants at our functions over many years, are now finding it increasingly difficult to attend these functions. We wish them well and certainly miss their presence. In common with our country members, they continue to be informed and entertained by our informative newsletter, which is our primary method of communicating with this group of members.

We extend our condolences to the relatives and friends of those members who passed away during the year. Where possible, these were acknowledged in our newsletters and we have again remembered them earlier in today's AGM.

The Committee appreciates early advice to the Secretary from friends or relatives, of the illness or passing of a member. A phone call or email will help the Secretary with the timely distribution of such information, so that where possible members have an opportunity to support the family at this time.

## Functions

Five functions were organised during the year, with attendance as follows.

June 2010	Mid year luncheon at COTAH	[35 members and friends]
August 2010	Bowls day at Aspley Bowls Club	[13 members and friends]
October 2010	Bus trip to Wyaralong Dam	[21 members and friends]
November 2010	Christmas luncheon at COTAH	[42 members and friends]
February 2011	Lunch at Public Service Club	[23 members and friends]

While some functions continue to be well attended, we struggle for numbers at others, however all functions are enjoyed by those able to attend. The Committee continues to seek out and consider other suitable events that may be of interest to as wide a range of members as possible. Suggestions for options for next year's program are always welcome.

Terry Loos has again provided challenging and enjoyable trivia quizzes at our COTAH Luncheons and by popular demand, they are planned to be included again this year.

The numbers may have been down, but the Bowls Day organised by Norm and Lindsay White was a great day out by those who played and others who just shouted encouragement.

The bus trip to the then nearly completed (and now full) Wyaralong Dam was of great interest to those who had been closely involved with so many other dams throughout the State. It was estimated that those on the bus had a collective experience of over 800 years, in the investigation, planning, design, construction and operation of dams !

## Newsletter

Ian Pullar has once again done an excellent job in producing a further 3 issues of our Newsletter. All members have commented favourably on the variety and range of content in the Newsletters. However, as Ian often reminds us, it will only continue to be so, as long as more members keep on providing articles to our Editor. Therefore send a note to Ian as soon as you see, hear or read something that may be of interest to others.

The Newsletter is our primary communication medium with our members, in particular it is so for our country members and for those no longer able to attend our functions. DERM and SunWater staff members are notified of new issues of the Newsletter through internal emails. Ian, thanks for a job well done !

## **Website**

Our website has been operational since July 2010. We are indebted to Jon Henry (as our Webmaster) for the set up and ongoing maintenance of the site.

So far, the web site does not seem to have captured the enthusiasm of members, as there have been limited contributions, although those who have viewed it, have commented favourably. Contributions could include photos and longer articles that may not be suitable for the Newsletter. We look forward to its increasing use in the coming years.

A step in this direction will be that, in the coming weeks, we will post on our website the Minutes of this AGM and the President's & Treasurer's Reports.

## **Finance**

The Treasurer will report that our finances continue to remain sound. Our target of running our functions at or near cost, has substantially been achieved.

It is proposed that membership subscriptions remain unchanged, while the Association continues to receive its current level of support from DERM.

## **Management Committee**

The Management Committee met for 4 formal meetings and 1 special meeting during the year (the special meeting was to confirm the appointment of our new Secretary). Committee members also met on a number of other occasions to arrange the mailouts for the flyers and newsletters.

This has been my first year as President and I would like to thank Lee Rogers, as Immediate Past President, for the ongoing support he has provided to me and the rest of the committee.

John Connolly retired as Secretary, when Peter Jones was appointed to that role in October last year. Our sincere thanks go to John for all of his years of service to the Association and for agreeing to stay on beyond our last AGM, until Peter came onboard.

We welcome Peter as our new Secretary. Peter has impressed the committee with his rapid grasp of the duties of Secretary and the very professional manner in which he has carried them out – no doubt there has been a lot of work behind the scenes.

My thanks go to Geoff Eades, our Vice President, for his support during the year, and in particular for taking over the running of meetings, the Wyaralong trip and the Christmas Luncheon, while I was away travelling for several months last year.

Bevan Faulkner has continued to manage the finances of the Association in a proficient manner and to provide wise counsel in the investment of our funds.

Thanks to our new committee members Brian Shannon and Terry Loos who capably supported the committee with their time and participation.

## **Acknowledgements**

Thanks are due to the support of our co-patron Mr John Bradley, Director General of the Department of Environment and Resource Management and in particular to departmental staff member, Graham Bauer who ably arranged the meeting rooms, copying of papers and mailing.

We also thank our co-patron Mr Peter Boettcher, CEO of SunWater for his continuing strong support of the Association.

Our thanks go out once again to our Auditor, Ray Sutherland for undertaking the important task of ensuring that our financial statements are compliant with the legislative requirements placed on an incorporated association such as ours.

**Hein van der Heide**  
**President**

**Water Resources Retiree's Association Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting – 28 April 2011**  
**Treasurer's Report – 2010-2011**

I have pleasure in presenting members with a report on the financial affairs of the Water Resources Retiree's Association Inc. for the 2010 – 2011 year.

The Association's Financial Year runs from 1 April to the following 31 March.

The attached financial statement shows that the Association had an excess of income over expenditure for the year of \$554.21, which is a good result.

One of the Association's major sources of income is Membership Subscriptions. Membership Subscriptions received this year (\$307.50) were less than 60% of the Subscriptions received last year (\$542.50). Only 40% of the members sent a Subscription Notice paid, which is not a satisfactory situation.

Interest on the Suncorp Term Deposit (\$878.39) is the other major source of Income.

The Association's operating expenditure each year is usually minimal comprising reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses to the President and Secretary, bank fees and charges, other operating expenditure and the cost of the lunch following the Annual General Meeting (\$231 in April 2010). These operating expenses are higher this year because of the establishment of the Association's website (\$144.40).

A summary of the major expenditure and income of the Association is in the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments.

All other functions of the Association are planned to be self funding with those Members attending paying for the cost of the function. While most of the functions in 2010-2011 incurred small losses, the amount of money involved in each case is small and indicates that your Committee's planning and pricing for these functions is very good.

**Term Deposit with Suncorp**

In April 2009, the Committee invested the Term Deposit at 3.15% for 12 months, maturing on 25 April 2010. This was the best interest rate available at that time. Since then the Term Deposit has been renewed at the best available interest rate for periods less than 12 months. The Term Deposit was renewed in February for 9 months at an interest rate of 6.30%.

**2011-2012 Membership Subscriptions:**

The 2011-2012 Membership Subscriptions are due for payment by 30 April 2011. SA total of 87 Membership Renewal Invoices were sent out with the last Newsletter. To date, I have received payment from 34 Members (\$495). A large percentage of these members have taken advantage of the opportunity to pay four years of Membership Subscriptions at the one time.

**Auditor:**

Ray Sutherland has been the Association's Auditor for a number of years. I thank Ray for auditing the Associations accounts again this year.

Ray is available to be appointed as Auditor for 2011-2012 and I recommend the Annual Meeting confirms this appointment.

**Thank You:**

John Connolly stood down as Secretary in October 2010, when Peter Jones was appointed as Secretary by the Committee. I thank John for his cooperation and assistance to keep my "Membership Billing Spreadsheet" in sync with the Association's Membership Database and for his services to the Association as Secretary over the last seven years. Well done, John.

**Welcome:**

Welcome to the Secretary's position Peter!

Peter has confirmed my "Membership Billing Spreadsheet" and this year's "Billing List" are correct and that I haven't inadvertently sent an Invoice to someone who is no longer a member.

Bevan Faulkner

21 April 2011

**WATER RESOURCES RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
**1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$</b>
Secretary's Expenses	\$ 76.34	Membership Subscriptions	\$ 307.50
Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return	\$ 41.00	Bank Interest – Cheque Account	\$ 0.23
Bank Fees and Charges	\$ 16.35	Term Deposit Interest	\$ 878.39
Website Establishment Costs	\$ 144.40		
Other Administration Costs	\$ 49.01		
AGM Luncheon – State Service Club	\$ 230.80		
COTAH - Mid Year Luncheon	\$ 898.00	Mid Year Luncheon - Income	\$ 924.00
Mid Year Luncheon - Expenses	\$ 49.25		
Mid Year Luncheon - Refunds	\$ -		
Bowl's Day - Expenses	\$ 27.00		\$ -
Wyaralong Dam Bus Trip - Expenses	\$ 560.00	Wyaralong Dam Bus Trip - Income	\$ 500.00
COTAH - Christmas Luncheon	\$ 1,078.00	Christmas Luncheon - Income	\$ 1,232.00
Christmas Luncheon - Expenses	\$ 61.76		
Christmas Luncheon - Refunds	\$ 56.00		
Membership Refund			\$ 40.00
	<b>\$ 3,327.91</b>		<b>\$ 3,882.12</b>

<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>\$ 554.21</b>
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