



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

**MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

**CLUB CENTRAL  
84 WILLIAM ST, BRISBANE, QLD 4000**

<b>Opening:</b>	The Chairman (Vice-President Geoff Eades) opened the meeting at 11:15am and welcomed members, guests and Mr Tom Vanderbyl representing our Co-Patron Mr Peter Boettcher.
<b>Present:</b>	17 members and 5 guests (See attached list of attendees and apologies)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Apologies were received from 15 members (See attached list of attendees and apologies)
<b>Memorial:</b>	<p>The Chairman and members paid respect to the six members, friends and old colleagues who had passed away during the year:</p> <p>Stan Ross          Rod Kingston          Ron Afflick          Ted Norbury Carol Zinn, wife of Peter Zinn Desley Mellor, daughter of Trevor and June Sleep</p> <p>A minute's silence was observed for those who had passed away.</p>
<b>Address by Co-Patrons:</b>	<p>Mr Tom Vanderbyl represented our Co-Patron, Peter Boettcher, at the AGM. He outlined current activities within SunWater.</p> <p>Senior SunWater executives have met with their new Minister following the change of Government. It seems that the Government sees SunWater as a key element in the delivery of the Government's infrastructure across the State.</p> <p>Currently, SunWater has some 23 new projects under investigation including dams, weirs and pipelines.</p> <p>The procurement process for Connors River dam and pipeline is complete. There has been a full take up of the supply from the dam. The question of funding the construction is currently under investigation as clearly the revenue does not start to flow until water deliveries can commence.</p>

	<p>The EIS for Nathan Dam was released for public comment on 21 April. This is part of an integrated solution around water supply in the Surat Basin which takes account of use of water from the coal seam gas projects and a replacement supply when this source runs down in the longer term.</p> <p>Construction of the Kenya to Chinchilla Weir pipeline is complete and awaiting commissioning of the plant which will treat the coal seam gas water before being put into operation. An unusual feature of this project is its charging regime. A condition of the project approval is that no additional water is to flow beyond the existing Chinchilla Weir Irrigation Area. Consequently, the cost of unused water from an allocation will be charged at a higher price than the charge for water taken.</p> <p>SunWater has introduced a mentoring program for its young professionals. It is interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in being a mentor for this program.</p>
<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM:</b>	<p>Moved Peter Jones, Seconded Alan Seabrook, that the Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	<p>There was no business arising from the minutes</p>
<b>Reports:</b>	<p><u>President's Report:</u></p> <p>Geoff Eades presented the President's Report on behalf of Hein Van der Heide. A copy of the Report is attached.</p> <p>Moved Geoff Eades, Seconded Terry Loos, 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 and the audited statement of accounts. A copy of the Report is attached.</p> <p>Moved Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Eric Davis, that the Treasurer's Report, statement of expenditure and receipts and the Auditors report be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
<b>Election of Office Bearers:</b>	<p>The Secretary reported that only one nomination had been received, that being the nomination of Hein van der Heide for the position of President.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if there any other nominations to come from the floor. None were forthcoming.</p>

	<p>Ian Pullar immediately moved that, given that the nomination received was that for Hein van der Heide for election to his current position and all other Committee members have indicated their willingness to continue for the coming year, all members of the Committee be re-elected to their positions. Seconded by Alan Seabrook.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p>Office Bearers for the coming year are:</p> <table data-bbox="427 584 1098 763"> <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>	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>Tom Vanderbyl advised that Peter Boettcher has indicated his willingness to again be a Co-Patron of the Association.</p> <p>In relation to a second Co-Patron, it was noted that there was still some uncertainty as to where the major functions for water resources would rest in the new Government structure and who ultimately may be permanently appointed to the Director-General position.</p> <p>Moved Geoff Eades, Seconded Eric Davis, that Peter Boettcher be appointed Co-Patron of the Association and that the Management Committee be authorised to approach another to be a Co-Patron once the new organisational arrangements were finalised and permanent appointments made.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>										
<p><b>Auditor:</b></p>	<p>Ray Sutherland has indicated his willingness to continue as Auditor for the Association.</p> <p>Moved Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Brian Shannon, that Ray Sutherland be appointed the Association's Auditor for the coming year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>										
<p><b>General Business:</b></p>	<p>(a) <u>Camp Kids Reunion</u>  The Secretary had recently been referred to the organisers of the Irrigation and Water Supply Ex-Camp Kids Reunion being planned for 20th - 21st October, 2012 in Mareeba.</p> <p>As the name suggests, the group are the children of those of us whose family lived with us in the various construction camps established by the</p>										

	<p>then Irrigation and Water Supply Commission.</p> <p>They held their first reunion 2 years ago, and it is understood they are hopeful of making this a regular event.</p> <p>It is understood that the group has grown from those who grew up in the camps on the Tablelands (Tinaroo, Walkamin, Paddy's Green, Mutchilba), but they are also welcoming those from "any other camp you may know of".</p> <p>The flyer advertising the reunion has been emailed to members who have advised their email addresses and is on the Association's web site.</p> <p>(b) <u>Web Site</u> The Secretary advised that he has received a number of compliments on the web site over recent months. One new member's first contact with the Association was through the web site.</p> <p>(c) <u>Newsletter Editor</u> In Pullar, the newsletter editor, wished to clarify that the position was an appointed position, not an elected position. Hence while he attended the Management Committee meetings, he was not a member of the Management Committee. As such, it is open to anyone with an interest in taking it on.</p>
<b>Closure:</b>	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.05pm.</p>



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**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>Members</b> Geoff Eades (Chair) Peter Jones Bevan Faulkner Ian Pullar Terry Loos Brian Shannon John Morse Alan Seabrook Neville Ablitt Errol Beitz John Cantor Jon Henry Nev Caton Eric Davis Hector Macdonld Sheila Lynch Bob Mcdonald	Peter Boettcher  Hein van der Heide Lee Rogers  Dave Morwood John Connolly Ian Ferrier Bob Kay Peter Bevan Ross Stewart Norm White Peter Phillips Peter Noonan Jim Uhlmann Don Beattie Alan Vizer Phil James
<b>Guests</b> Tom Vanderbyl Wendy Faulkner Karla Henry Marilyn Caton Jan Davis	

## **Water Resources Retirees' Association**

**Annual General Meeting 26 April 2012**

### **President's Report 2011 - 2012**

#### *Preamble*

*My apologies for not being at the AGM to be able to present my President's Report to you this year. My sincere thanks go to Geoff Eades, for reading my Report to you. I am writing this from our caravan, while we are in the Barossa Valley (yes, there are a few local distractions to contend with). We are a third of the way into a four month caravan trip, that will take us from the southern shores of South Australia, north to Kurumba in the Gulf.*

#### **Report**

It is with pleasure that I present this report for the year 2011 – 2012, to this 28<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.

We are aware that some of our former work colleagues have appeared before the Flood Commission of Inquiry and that they have been mentioned in the Commission's Report. We are thinking of them and give them our moral support. It must at times have been, and for some still continues to be, a harrowing and traumatic experience.

#### **Membership**

The membership of our Association is currently 203, a decrease of 2 compared to last year. The membership comprises 100 ordinary members, 48 country members, 23 paid up members (over 75 years) and 32 widowed spouse members.

Three new members joined during the year. They were Dorry Beutel, Jim Cook and Lenny Cummings. We warmly welcome these new members to the Association.

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 former 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 continue to 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

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

April 2011	AGM and Lunch at Club Central	[25 members and friends]
June 2011	Mid year luncheon at COTAH	[19 members and friends]
September 2011	Ipswich Little Theatre & Lunch	[16 members and friends]
October 2011	City Cat & South Bank Lunch	[ 9 members and friends]
November 2011	Christmas luncheon at COTAH	[45 members and friends]
February 2012	Lunch at Club Central	[21 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.

In September members travelled to Ipswich and enjoyed a light lunch, followed by 8 short plays written by Ian Pullar, and presented by members of the Ipswich Little Theatre. The venue was the Ipswich Burley Griffin Incinerator Theatre. Ian and Helen Pullar organised and catered for this event.

A City Cat ride up and down the Brisbane River in October, was enjoyed by a small group of members. This was followed by lunch, overlooking the Brisbane River at the Kapsali Restaurant at South Bank. Lee Rogers organised this function.

Our Secretary, Peter Jones organised the COTAH and Club Central events.

Many thanks for all those who attended these social events, your attendance made them pleasurable outings for our members.

## 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 informative, as long as 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 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 our web site, have commented favourably. Contributions from members 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.

As we did last year, the Minutes of the AGM and the President's & Treasurer's Reports, will be posted on our website, in the coming weeks.

## **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 5 formal meetings during the year. Committee members also met on a number of other occasions to arrange the mailouts for the flyers and newsletters.

My thanks go to Geoff Eades, our Vice President, and to Lee Rogers, our Immediate Past President, for their support and advice to me and the Committee during the year, and in particular for taking over the running of meetings and functions, when I have been absent on several occasions, over the last 12 months. [Many of the Committee Members have travelled extensively, at one time or another, during the last year - however the operation of the Association has at all times continued seamlessly, by other Committee Members filling in for absent persons].

My thanks also to our Secretary, Peter Jones. For many people, Peter is the first port of call in dealing with the Association, and in this his second year as Secretary, he has impressed everyone with the very competent and professional manner in which he has carried out these duties.

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 also to our 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, the Director General of the former Department of Environment and Resource Management. This was Mr John Bradley early in the year and his subsequent successors. In particular we thank 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 – 26 April 2012**  
**Treasurer's Report – 2011-2012**

I have pleasure in presenting members with a report on the financial affairs of the Water Resources Retiree's Association Inc. for the 2011 – 2012 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 \$904.87, which is an excellent result.

One of the Association's major sources of income is Membership Subscriptions. Membership Subscriptions received this year (\$815.00) were more than double the Subscriptions received last year (\$347.50). This is because 2011-2012 was the start of the next cycle of four year payments.

Interest on the Suncorp Term Deposit (\$561.31) is the other major source of Income.

The Association's operating expenditure each year is 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 (\$289 in April 2011). Operating expenses associated with the establishment and ongoing operation of the Association's website (\$193) is a cost effective way of communicating with the Members.

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 the Mid Year Luncheon in 2011-2012 incurred a small loss, the Christmas Luncheon made a small profit. This indicates that your Committee's planning and pricing for these functions is good.

**Term Deposit with Suncorp**

The Term Deposit has been renewed as required at the best available interest rate for periods less than 12 months. The Term Deposit will be renewed on 25 April 2012 for 6 months at an interest rate of 5.75%.

**2012-2013 Membership Subscriptions:**

The 2012-2013 Membership Subscriptions are due for payment by 30 April 2012. A total of 69 Membership Renewal Invoices were sent out with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. To date, I have received payment from 14 Members (\$152.50). A reasonable proportion of these Members have taken advantage of the opportunity to pay four years of Membership Subscriptions at the one time.

**Outstanding Membership Subscriptions:**

One item of concern is the number of Members who do not pay their Membership Subscription in the year it is due. This year, 25% of the Members billed did not pay their Membership Subscription. Last year it was nearly 40%.

I know that it is difficult to send \$2.50 in cash by post but it would be preferred if these members sent \$5.00 and paid for one year in advance rather than paying in arrears.

The Association's Constitution requires that Members who are more than two years in arrears be written to asking them to confirm they wish to remain a Member of the Association and to bring their Membership Subscriptions up to date. Eight (8) members had to be written to last month.

**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 2012-2013 and I recommend the Annual Meeting confirms this appointment.

**Thank You:**

I thank the Association's Secretary Peter Jones for his cooperation and assistance to keep my "Membership Billing Spreadsheet" in sync with the Association's Membership Database thus ensuring that the "Annual Billing List" is correct. Thank you Peter

Bevan Faulkner  
23 April 2012

