



WATER RESOURCES RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2013

CLUB CENTRAL
84 WILLIAM ST, BRISBANE, QLD 4000

Opening:	<p>In the absence of the President and Vice President to take the Chair, the Secretary, Peter Jones, opened the meeting at 11.15am</p> <p>As provided for in the Association's Rules, the Secretary called for nominations for a Chair from the floor.</p> <p>Moved Ian Pullar, Seconded Brian Shannon, that Lee Rogers be elected Chair <u>Carried</u></p>										
Present and Apologies:	<p>The list of attendees and apologies is attached</p>										
Memorial:	<p>The Chair noted that a number of our members, family of members and non-member work colleagues had passed away during the year. Additionally, we found that a number of members with whom contact had been lost had also passed away in previous years.</p> <p>One minute's silence was observed in memory of:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Alan Wickham</td><td>Jim Walls</td></tr><tr><td>Stu Robinson</td><td>Norm Rossi</td></tr><tr><td>Jim Chamberlain</td><td>George Pearce</td></tr><tr><td>Ailsa Afflick</td><td>Ted Norbury</td></tr><tr><td>Bruno Schumann</td><td>Noel Leong</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Des Wust Desley Mellor – Daughter of Trevor and June Sleep Patricia Morse – Wife of John Morse Graham Hargraves –from Darling Downs Operations</p>	Alan Wickham	Jim Walls	Stu Robinson	Norm Rossi	Jim Chamberlain	George Pearce	Ailsa Afflick	Ted Norbury	Bruno Schumann	Noel Leong
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Address by Co-Patrons:	<p>Jon Black, D-G, Dept of Energy and Water Supply</p> <p>The following is a summary of Jon's address:</p>										

The Government, which has now been in office a little over 12 months, came to power with a significant reform agenda which is progressively being implemented. DEWS responsibilities lie in the urban/irrigation area of the water sector with the water resource planning and development resting with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Jon currently chairs a group of 8 Directors-General to progress the Government's water agenda. The number of Directors-General reflects the extent to which the water sector spreads across different departmental responsibilities.

To date, some 150 submissions have been received on the proposed preparation of a 30 year strategic plan for water. A number have drawn the link between water resources, their use and the economy. Generally, the feedback from the submissions has been consistent in a number of areas, for example, reliability and cost of supply, confusion as to how we get to the end plan and the particular interests of local government.

In today's world, it is beyond the capacity of the vast majority of individual local governments to take on the development of a major water resource/supply project. A focus of the Department is the building of capacity within the local governments and developing recognition of the benefits of scale for water projects. The need is to be able to engage the expertise and enter into the development of infrastructure to achieve a regional approach. This will be an area of ongoing work with local government.

With respect of the energy sector, consideration will be given to the findings of the Costello report on Queensland's economy before going back to its review.

Peter Boettcher, CEO, Sunwater

Peter's address is summarised below:

A primary focus over the last 12 months has been on understanding the new Government's priorities within its announced policy framework. The Government has a clearly defined agenda with respect of water resources, but the development of internal detail and implementation of that agenda requires ongoing work within the organisation. Critical to this is the limited availability of capital funding.

Water supply for the coal sector has been a mainstay of the organisation's business for some years now. However, a slow down within the coal industry, and the sector's focus on reducing costs as production decreases, has led to the reduction of opportunities for the organisation. On the positive side, the gas industry is pushing forward and opportunities will arise in that sector.

The organisation is now to work within a framework where all projects must be either self-funding or funded by the private sector.

	<p>A consequence of the demand by the private sector for skilled and experienced personnel is that the organisation is losing staff, particularly to the gas sector. The challenge is for the organisation to present a viable alternative to retain staff and not lose them to the private sector. This poses some difficulties in an environment insecurity and uncertainty as the transition is made to the new policies and operating requirements.</p> <p>Critical in planning for the future is the recognition that there is no policy framework which allows the private sector do many of the things which the organisation can in developing a resource or infrastructure. It is foreseen that the future will see the organisation partnering with other organisations for specific developments – not necessarily as the lead, but as the provider of a range of specialised delivery services. In this regard, as well as in general, the Board is being forward and innovative in its thinking.</p> <p>A number of jobs are currently being bid for. The short term goal is to maintain the capacity and reputation of the organisation until the market turns.</p> <p>The recent wet season has brought a number of dam safety related issues to the fore. In some areas, the 2013 floods were unprecedented and some real challenges have arisen which will have to be addressed and resolved. The visible damage caused by the floods has been reported in the media, such as the scouring below Paradise Dam.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Dam Safety Regulator has changed the schedule for upgrades of existing structures. As a result, there are discrepancies between the ANCOLD and Regulator’s requirements to be addressed and resolved.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM:</p>	<p>The draft minutes of the previous AGM had been made available to members before the meeting.</p> <p>Moved Ian Pullar, Seconded Brian Shannon, that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted as a true record of the meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried</u></p>
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>The matter of the second Co-Patron for the Association was resolved with the acceptance of Jon Black, DG, Dept of Energy and Water Supply, to accept the position.</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>(a) President’s Report The Chair, Lee Rogers, read the President’s report which President Hein van der Heide had prepared. A copy of the Report is attached.</p> <p>Moved David Paice, Seconded Alan Seabrook that the Presidents Report be received.</p>

	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried</u></p> <p>(b) Treasurer’s Report 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 Alan Seabrook, that the Treasurer’s Report, statement of expenditure and receipts and the Auditors report be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried</u></p>
<p>Confirmation of By-Laws</p>	<p>During the year, the Management Committee had adopted to By-Laws to help provide a consistency in the Association’s operations across the years and to provide guidance to future incoming committees.</p> <p>The By-Laws had been circulated to members with the Agenda Papers for the meeting.</p> <p>The Association’s Constitution provides that any By-Law adopted by the management Committee may be set aside by a vote of members at a general meeting.</p> <p>The Chair asked if anyone wished to move to set either or both of the By-Laws aside. Nobody wished to do so.</p>
<p>Election of Office Bearers:</p>	<p>All positions were declared vacant The President, Treasurer and one Committee Member had indicated that they would not seek re-election.</p> <p>The following nominations were received: President – Geoff Eades (proposed by Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Ian Pullar) Vice President – Brian Shannon (Proposed Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Ian Pullar) Treasurer – Ross Stewart (Proposed Peter Jones, Seconded Lee Rogers) Secretary – Peter Jones (Proposed Ross Stewart, Seconded Ian Pullar) Committee Members (2) Pat McCourt (Proposed Jon Henry, Seconded Peter Jones) Terry Loos (Proposed Peter Jones, Seconded Jon Henry)</p> <p>There being only one nominee for each position, the nominees were declared elected to the respective positions.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Ian Pullar if he was willing to accept the position Newsletter editor again. Ian agreed.</p>
<p>Co-Patrons:</p>	<p>Both current Co-Patrons, Jon Black (DG DEWS) and Peter Boettcher (CEO SunWater) had indicated their willingness to continue in the roles.</p>

	<p>Moved Brian Shannon, Seconded Terry Loos that Jon Black and Petr Boettcher be elected our Co-Patrons</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried</u></p>
Auditor:	<p>Ray Sutherland has indicated his willingness to continue as the Association's Auditor.</p> <p>Moved Bevan Faulkner, Seconded Ross Stewart, that Ray Sutherland be elected as the Association's Auditor</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried</u></p>
General Business:	<p>Vote of Thanks to Lee Rogers. Ian Pullar expressed the thanks of the Association to Lee Rogers for his service of 12 years to the Association. The meeting expressed its appreciation by acclamation.</p> <p>Vote of Thanks to Bevan Faulkner Lee thanked the meeting for its thoughts He expressed the appreciation of the Association to Bevan Faulkner for his work in managing the finances of the Association over the last 6 years. The meeting expressed its appreciation by acclamation.</p> <p>Lee wished the incoming Committee all the best for the coming term and believed that it will be well led by Geoff Eades.</p>
Closure:	<p>The Meeting closed at approx 12.30pm at which time members moved to lunch.</p>



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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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Members	
Lee Rogers	Hein van der Heide
Bevan Faulkner	Geoff Eades
Brian Shannon	Peter Bevan
Ian Pullar	Dave Morwood
Terry Loos	Bruce Edwards
Jon Henry	Mike Marley
Errol Beitz	Phil Whitmee
Pat McCourt	Peter Noonan
Alan Seabrook	Michael Merrin
Nev Ablitt	Graeme Bertram
Hector MacDonald	John Connolly
Ian Ferrier	Trevor Ryan
David Paice	Gordon Wilson
Ross Walduck	Darlene Newlove
Chris Robson	Tom Fenwick
Kev Devlin	Tony Cleary
Ross Stewart	Ken Kennedy
Phil James	Shirley Quinn
Jim Ulhmann	John Morse
Tony Horn	Peter Phillips
	Daryl Brigden
Guests	
Peter Boettcher	
Jon Black	
Karla Henry	
Wendy Faulkner	

Water Resources Retirees' Association

Annual General Meeting 18 April 2013

President's Report 2012 - 2013

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 Lee Rogers, for presenting my Report. I am writing this from our caravan, while we are on Phillip Island (Southern Victoria). We are about half way into a two month caravan trip.

Report

It is with pleasure that I present this report for the year 2012 – 2013, to this 29th 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.

Membership

The membership of our Association is currently 199, a decrease of 4 compared to last year. The membership comprises 104 ordinary members, 46 country members, 20 paid up members (over 75 years) and 29 widowed spouse members.

Fifteen new members joined during the year, the largest increase for many years. This is primarily owing to the pool of potential members being greatly increased, as a result of government policy to reduce the size of the public service. We warmly welcome these new members to the Association.

However, our total membership decreased for the year, because of members who passed away, others who no longer wished to continue their membership of the Association and a tidy up of our membership register.

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 Energy & Water Supply and the Department of Natural Resource Management & Mines, SunWater and Seqwater, 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

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

April 2012	AGM and Lunch at Club Central	[20 members and friends]
June 2012	Mid-year luncheon at COTAH	[26 members and friends]
August 2012	Bowls Day at Aspley	[14 members and friends]
November 2012	Christmas luncheon at COTAH	[44 members and friends]
February 2013	Lunch at Club Central	[18 members and friends]

While some functions continue to be well attended, we struggle a little 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 Bowls Day organised by Norm and Lindsay White was a great day out by those who played and others who just provided encouragement. The morning tea and lunch were enjoyed by all.

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. DEWS, DNRM 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.

The web site is a convenient location where current and past issues of the Newsletter can be viewed. You are encouraged to visit the website from time to time, and make contributions to the Webmaster when you have some appropriate material for publication.

As we have done in previous years, 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 Sunwater.

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.

Committee Members have also readily undertaken the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, when Peter Jones and Bevan Faulkner were absent.

My thanks also to our Secretary, Peter Jones. Peter ably carries out the day to day running of the Association and the organisation of functions and meetings.

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-patrons, Mr Jon Black the Director General of Department of Energy and Water, and Mr Peter Boettcher, CEO of SunWater for their continuing strong support of the Association.

In particular we thank Peter Boettcher and his staff who have graciously provided the Association with meeting rooms, the printing of the flyers & newsletters and their mailing.

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 – 18 April 2013
Treasurer's Report – 2012-2013

I have pleasure in presenting to Members a report on the financial affairs of the Water Resources Retiree's Association Inc. for the 2012 – 2013 year. This is my sixth and final Report. I am not seeking re-election.

The Association's Financial Year runs from 1 April to the following 31 March. Those Members with a keen eye will note that this year's financial statement runs from 26 March 2012 to 31 March 2013. The reason is that I closed the books on 26 March 2012 as I was going overseas on the following day. Several members then made payment into the bank account between 26 March and 31 March.

The 2012-2013 Financial Statement shows that the Association has an excess of income over expenditure for the year of \$1,066.53, which is an excellent result.

One of the Association's major sources of income is Membership Subscriptions. Membership Subscriptions received this year (\$1,037.50) were about 25% higher than the Subscriptions received last year (\$815.00). This increase is partly due to the 2012-2013 Subscriptions that were paid in March 2102

Interest on the Suncorp Term Deposit (\$680.24) 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 (\$251 in April 2012). Operating expenses associated with the ongoing operation of the Association's website (\$168) 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. The Mid-Year Luncheon this year incurred a loss of \$163 and the Christmas Luncheon made a small profit of \$45.80. 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 2013 will probably be renewed for 8 months at 4.35% interest (the best available rate).