

NEWSLETTER

of the Q.W.R.C. Retired Officers Association

September 1989

At the last Annual General Meeting it was agreed that a Newsletter be produced at intervals to keep members informed of matters concerning the Association, its members and the Commission. This is the first such newsletter.

RETIREMENTS

You may be interested to know that the following officers retired from the Commission during the last year or so.

Perry	Goebel	Ayr	June 1988
Jack	Pont	Mareeba	August 1988
Gordon	Mullen	Rocklea	September 1988
Case	Kalf	Mareeba	September 1988
Bruce	Culliford	Toowoomba	October 1988
Hank	Hoogstraten	Bundaberg	October 1988
Ossie	Dyson	Brisbane	October 1988
Bob	Dwyer	Brisbane	November 1988
Doug	Davies	Eungella Dam	February 1989
Jack	McLeod	Callide Dam	December 1988
John	Moreton	Rockhampton	February 1989
"Honk"	Morrison	Lower Mary Construction	April 1989
Graham	Bertram	Brisbane	April 1989
Jim	Walls	Brisbane	June 1989
Serge	Rossi	Brisbane	June 1989
Col	Cornford	Brisbane	July 1989
Ross	Henness	Mackay	August 1989
Max	Riley	Upper Condamine	September 1989

DEATH

The many friends of Martin Murphy formerly of the old Groundwater Branch were saddened to learn of his death in June.

NEW YEARS HONOUR

Belated congratulations are extended to Des Foster formerly District Officer at Warwick on his award of M.B.E. for his services to golf.

COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

Following the transfer of responsibilities for urban water supply, sewerage and related matters from the Department of Local Government to the Commission an Assistant Commissioner was appointed and two Divisions were created to accommodate most of the staff and responsibilities transferred.

Because of the Commission's much broader base of engineering expertise and experience, the level of support and advice able to be provided to Local Authorities will be much enhanced. Positions and staff are being transferred to regional and district offices throughout the State, providing extra support at the local level to augment the existing service.

A strategic planning process undertaken over the past two years has resulted in the creation of another Administration Division and the rearrangement of duties in others. Twelve divisions now exist each under the control of a Director:-

Division	Director
Executive Services	Dianne Wallace
Administration and Finance	Ray Sutherland
Human Resources	Anne Epstein
Water Resources	Col Hazel
Planning	John Ward
Local Authority Planning	Bill Eastgate
Local Authority Operations	Don Gardiner
Client Services	John Cantor
Operation and Marketing	Dave Morwood
Design	Lee Rogers
Construction	John Potts
Special Duties	Ron Willis

Two Divisions with significantly changed responsibilities, are Client Services Division and Operation and Marketing Division. Client Services Division replaced the Irrigation Division and pulls together all the following services and functions:

- . Farm water supply advisory services;
- . Groundwater advisory services;
- . Management of unregulated streams;
- . Groundwater management, outside irrigation and project areas;
- . Investigation and technical operational needs of new and/or existing rural water supply boards, rural drainage boards, bore water supply areas, etc;
- . Control of quarry material extractions; and
- . Management of licensing generally.

This Division embraces responsibility for the majority of technical staff associated with day to day water management outside irrigation and project areas and advice at the client level throughout country offices.

Operation and Marketing Division replaced the Operations Division and is responsible for:

- . Day to day management of works in all irrigation areas and projects.

- . Allocation and management of water commitments in all irrigation areas and projects, including groundwater;
- . Policy development and administration in relation to the above;
- . Development and implementation of initiatives in water allocation, pricing and marketing in all irrigation areas and projects, etc, for optimum revenue and minimal costs.

Early in 1989, resulting from the strategic planning process, as well as adjustments in responsibilities and delegations which have taken place in the past five years, it became clear that there was a need to further adjust some other parts of the Commission's organisational structure.

The Organisational Services Division was redesignated Human Resources Division. The section of Computer Services Branch, was transferred to Division of Administration and Finance. A position of Manager (Administration Services) was created with responsibility for administrative and computer services.

A new Division, Executive Services Division, was created replacing the Secretariat assuming a number of the Secretariat's responsibilities, as well as roles of Public Relations and Corporate Planning. As the name of the Division implies, the Division supports the Executive and performs special duties on behalf of the Executive.

In February of this year, it was approved that Operation and Marketing Division should establish, in consultation with Regional Engineers and other work areas, a methodology for reviewing on a regular basis, the management of Irrigation Areas and Projects. Establishment of such a review process has been a long term aim of the Division and of the Executive. To develop the structure of the process and to manage its initial application to one or more projects, Adrian Muller (previously Regional Engineer - Burnett Region) has been appointed as Senior Engineer, Operation and Maintenance Group.

A chart depicting the organisation and summarising the principal components of each Division is attached. The chart also lists the Regional and District Offices and the Construction Projects in progress.

RELOCATION OF SOME DIVISION

The Commissioners and Executive Services and Human Resources Division are now located on Floor 13 of Mineral House and Client Services and Operation and Marketing Divisions are on Floor 12.

CALL FOR MATERIAL

Members are invited to contribute articles to future Newsletters by sending them to Stan Ross, 3 Connery Street, McDowall Q 4053, Honorary Editor.

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