Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lachlan Valley Water Inc

held in Forbes at the Forbes Services Club on Tuesday 23 September 2014 commencing at 2.00 pm

**PRESENT**: - Tom Green (Chair), Mary Ewing, Ted Middleton, Allan L’Estrange, Ian McFadyen, Mark Kearines, Michael Storrier, Michelle Azzopardi, John Bruce, Gordon Turner, Ian Smith, Graham Falconer, Michael Priest, Peter Philipzen, Justen Pengilly, Wal Dawson, Mark Green, Gordon Dillon, Beulah Dillon, Lisa Kearines, Marco Breakenridge, Tony Hamilton, Andrew McDonald, Mark Ward, Michael Payten, Nick Turner, Jake Milton, Gary Johnston, Andrew Martin, Mark McKenzie, Dan Berry, Nina Crawford

**APOLOGIES**: - Ed Fagan, Andrew Glasson, Katrina Hodgkinson, John Cobb, Troy Grant, Bill Heffernan, Will Storrier, Denis Moxey, Matt Mitchell, Jock Coupland, David Pengilly

The Chairman welcomed all present, including guest speakers Mark McKenzie, CEO of NSW Irrigators Council, and Dan Berry from State Water.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**: -

**Motion:** That the minutes of 12 September 2013as circulated be accepted.

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| Moved: Alan L’Estrange | Seconded: Ian Smith. Carried. |

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Tom Green thanked all members of the executive for their commitment throughout the year and also Mary Ewing for the help extended to him in his first year as President. Continued membership of both NSWIC and NIC is important for the representation on both the State and Federal levels. He thanked Ted Morgan and Mary Ewing for their participation in both organisations. Successes in the past year have seen the ACCC Pricing Determination for State Water maintain the 60:40 fixed:variable charging regime as against the 80:20 ratio proposed by State Water. The revision of the Drought of Record timing will see a reduction from 3 to 2 years’ required reserves of water for essential supplies. The challenge for the coming year will be the Water Sharing Plan review and the review of the NSW Water Resources Plan which will be the mechanism by which the Lachlan Valley will comply with the MDB plan

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Tabled

Presented by John Bruce. The Financial Report for 2013/14 as tabled had already been reviewed and adopted by the Executive Committee of LVW.

The net loss position for 2013/14 was attributable to the provision for long-service and annual leave. Membership income had slightly increased, through an increase in levy, and membership numbers had also increased slightly. However, fewer megalitres were represented, which was mostly explained by water held by either the Commonwealth or State Governments.

###### EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT – Tabled.

The Executive Officer spoke to her report and fielded questions.

**NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LVW EXECUTIVE**

Belubula Landholders Association: Michael Payten, Andrew Holmes

Upper Lachlan Water User Group Div A Matt Frazer, Nigel Hazel, alt. Ed Fagan, Ernie Idiens

Upper Lachlan Water User Group Div B Ian Smith, Dennis Moxey, alt. John Bruce, Mark Green

Jemalong Irrigation David Pengilly, Dan Mattiske, alt. Ted Morgan

Mid Lachlan Water Users Association Alan L’Estrange, Jock Coupland, Wal Dawson

Booberoi Creek & Landcare Association Mark Kearines, Ted Middleton, Bill Lander

Lake Cargelligo & District Water Users Ian McFadyen

Hillston District Water users Tim Watson, Mick Storrier, Will Storrier.

Willandra Creek Water Users Andrew Stalley, Matt Mitchell

Lower Lachlan Landcare Group Gordon Turner

Young Irrigators Tom Green, Jamie Morgan

**The AGM closed at 2.40pm and presentations by guest speakers Mark McKenzie and Dan Berry followed.**

Mark introduced himself and his history of involvement with the water industry. He was appointed CEO of NSWIC six months ago. He spoke of the issues under consideration by NSWIC and the political interface NSWIC afforded between irrigators and Government.

Dan Berry, Manager of Basin Planning, State Water, spoke on water security for the valley and the options that were being considered.

**Meeting Closed at 4.30pm**