Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lachlan Valley Water Inc

held at

Central West Farming Systems Research Innovation Hub, Condobolin, on

Wednesday 29 August 2018 at 9.30am

**PRESENT**: T Green (Chair), M Ewing, N Crawford, J Bennett, M McKenzie, G Turner,

E Wilson, T Morgan, B Lewis,I Smith, N Turner, B Crouch, S Williams-Green, M Green,

J Coupland, G McDonald, J Ervin, S Ervin, D McDonald, A McDonald, M Azzopardi,

P Grech, C McAulliffe, E Thomas, D Mattiske, W Judge, T Wright, H Wald, R Arkell, P Wiggins, A Parkes, J Bruce, R Scott, L Grimshaw, M Khan, Danial Scherrer, P Job

**APOLOGIES**: - M Payten, M Browning, G Elias, T Middleton, M Strrier, W Storrier, T Watson, N Jacobsen, W Dawson, A Holmes

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9.45 am and welcomed all present, including guest speakers Andrew Parkes, Director, Customised Farm Management; Neil Fettell, Senior Research Scientist, Central West Farming Systems; and Mark McKenzie, CEO, NSW Irrigators’ Council

**MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Motion**: That the minutes of the 2017 AGM, as circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Moved** J Coupland, seconded I Smith. **Carried.**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Tom Green reported on:

* Water conditions and the significant dry.
* Sale of environmental water
* Metering and compliance
* The Water Sharing Plans
* The strong position of Lachlan Valley Water and its invaluable relationship with NSWIC and NIC

He thanked all the members of the Committee for their support and input throughout the year, the Executive Officer for her continued dedication and hard work, and Admin Support.

**2017/18 FINANCIAL REPORT - tabled:**

J Bruce presented the 2017/18 financial report for the information of members. The report had been reviewed and passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 28 August 2018.

###### EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT – tabled, and presented by M Ewing.

The EO expanded on the issue of Metering and Compliance.

**NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LVW EXECUTIVE**

**Mary, this is the old list. I know there were some changes to Belubula and Hillston but was not quick enough to note them**

Belubula Landholders Association: Jo Curran, Stuart Morrow, Michael Payten

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

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

Jemalong Irrigation Ltd Nick Turner, Jamie Morgan, Stuart French

Mid Lachlan Water Users Association Matt Browning, Gerard Elias, Vicki Tyson

Booberoi Creek Landholders Association Mark Kearines, Ted Middleton

Lake Cargelligo & District Water Users Ian McFadyen

Hillston Water Users Tim Watson, Mick Storrier, Will Storrier, Sam Mitchell.

Willandra Creek Water Users Andrew Stalley, Matt Mitchell (?)

Lower Lachlan Landcare Group Gordon Turner

Skills-based Irrigators Tom Green

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Nil

There being no General Business, the Chairman broke the meeting at 10.30am for morning tea. Presentations by the Guest Speakers followed after the break.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Danial Scherrer of Water NSW,** gave a brief overview on River Operations and how his department calculates the likelihood of any new water allocation.

**Andrew Parkes, Director, Customised Farm Management**, presented his perception of the strengths and weaknesses of farming opportunities in the Lachlan Valley. He spoke on the expectations of his clients. His Company, newly operating in the Lachlan Valley, sees a real investment opportunity in the Lachlan Valley.

**Neil Fettell, Senior Research Scientist, Central West Farming Systems** spoke on CWFS irrigation research priorities and current projects. At the conclusion of the meeting guests were invited to accompany Neil on plot inspections.

**Mark McKenzie, CEO, NSW Irrigators Council** advised he was shortly leaving NSWIC, with a new CEO, Luke Simpkins, to commence the first week in September. He spoke on his personal history and involvement with NSWIC. **(Mary, I haven’t noted down whether he touched on metering and WR plans, as per the Agenda).** He also advised that Stephanie Schulte, Policy Manager, had resigned and that a replacement had not yet been appointed.

The Chairman thanked all guest speakers.

The AGM was called to a close at 12.35pm and all those in attendance were invited to stay for lunch.