

COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

MRS. K.A. READ,  
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DEAR MEMBER,  
AS ADDRESSED.

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held on Tuesday 22nd November 1994 at 8.00 p.m. in the T.A.F.E. College Seminar Room (Chapel St.).

BUSINESS:

- (1) OPEN MEETING & WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES OF MEETING 27/9/94.
- (4) PUBLIC MEETING.
- (5) OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (6) INWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT. - selection group - public meeting, \$80,000 to get town
- (8) FINANCIAL REPORT. - system upgrade  
bal 2/1 1749.02 bal Nov \$1883.23
- (9) OTHER REPORTS.
- (10) GENERAL BUSINESS:
  - (a) urban
  - (b) rural
- (11) CLOSE.

*Notes from meeting:*  
 detailed investigation for enlargement of Melburn  
 1/4ly payment.  
 democratic consultation body  
 detailed costing of Coliban  
 need to upgrade & have money from budget.

bal 1590.60  
 1/1 36.22  
 40 coal  
 F. Janson. c.k.w. = 50MM quality fuel \$5000  
 per property 0.15

*Reps from Hinder only + Bernie? Thomas*

Kath Read.

KATH READ,  
SECRETARY C.W.I.C.

Remember: Public Meeting, Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre, 16th Nov. 1994 at 8.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

HELD AT T.A.F.E. COLLEGE ON 27/9/94

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PRESENT.

Messrs. D. Harrison (in chair), K. Read, J. Balsillie, C. Kurz, I. Reid, M. Pitson  
M. Browne, J. Scott, Mesdames E. Jenson and secretary K. Read.

APOLOGIES:

Messrs W. Mannes, H. Lourie.

MINUTES:

Moved J. Balsillie sec. M. Pitson minutes as circulated be confirmed. Crd.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to City of Bendigo re reps on C.W.I.C.

Letter to C.R.W.A. re C.W.I.C. to be recognized as an independant body.

Letter to Minister G. Coleman re Business Plan and water service charges.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Hon. Ron best re deputation advice.

Moved K. Read sec. C. kurz Outward Correspondence be endorsed and Inward  
Correspondence be received. Crd.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Some hobby farmers had contacted President over service charge.

Moved D. Harrison sec. I. Reid President's Report be received. Crd.

REPORTS:

Secretary reported the closure of Development office where minutes and agendas  
had been photocopied. J. Balsillie to inquire at City of Greater Bendigo offices. <sup>no</sup>

C. Kurz reported that Minister Coleman does not have an adviser.

M. Browne reported that the Neilborough Water Group had contacted him re his  
discussions with the C.R.W.A. re service charge for co-operatives.

Moved J. Balsillie sec. C. Kurz reports be received. Crd.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bank Balance \$1714 - 02

Petty Cash \$ 36 - 22

Moved I. Reid sec. M. Browne report be received. Crd.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

M. Pitson reported that there was no news on closure of Goornong channel. <sup>closed</sup>

After discussion I. Reid moved M. Browne sec. "that the C.W.I.C. call a Public  
Meeting of all users of the Coliban Water System to discuss their concerns re  
supply, delivery, costing and current Board policy of setting charges". Crd.

*Have to go onto Goornong then*

Moved M. Browne sec. K. Read that one meeting be held and if available the Venue be the Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre at 8 O'clock.16th November. Crd.  
Press release and advertisement to each newspaper -- Advertiser, Midland Express, Gazette, Goornong Guide, Huntly & Raywood Papers.

Moved K. Read sec. J. Balsillie sub-committee comprise President, Secretary, I. Reid. Crd.

Notices sent to Minister G. Coleman, Local Members Turner, Best & John, also to C.R.W.A. Moved M. Browne sec. K.Read. Crd.

Agenda at door at Leisure Centre. Media to be notified.

Moved C. Kurz sec. J. Balsillie letter to G. Coleman be faxed per M. John. Crd.

Moved K. Read sec. I. Reid that I. Reid design a letter head for C.W.I.C. with mission statement on bottom of page. Crd.

K. Read reported he had attended Bendigo Conservation Study launch and stated that Bendigo is sitting on a knife-edge re water supply as there are restrictions on water already.

Meeting closed 10-20 p.m.

## (ii) Water - Supply and Quality

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March 1994

Local government, in partnership with Coliban Water and the community, should:-

### Model Behaviour:

- \* support Coliban Water's demand management programs and the employment of its Water Education Officer;
- \* conduct a water audit on all public parks and gardens and develop a water management plan;
- \* investigate using its waste water on recreation areas and gardens;
- \* develop Waterwise Street Models for alternative nature strip treatments;
- \* encourage Waterwise Naturestrips and gardens;
- \* encourage the design of gardens and open space that use rainfall and minimise runoff;
- \* encourage the use of indigenous plants for domestic gardens;
- \* promote the Waterwise Garden in the Shire of Strathfieldsaye;
- \* use indigenous plants around local government buildings and areas of responsibility;
- \* encourage low water use trees on roadside plantings, gardens and nature strips;
- \* conduct a water audit of all swimming pools in the region examining recycling and discharge issues;
- \* ensure the new Bendigo Leisure Centre complex is developed and managed in an environmentally sensitive way;
- \* maintain an active involvement in the Bendigo Creek Management Plan;
- \* store and reuse urban stormwater wherever possible;
- \* investigate measures to discourage discharge of untreated stormwater to lakes and waterways;
- \* support actions that either prevent or delay stormwater runoff in urban areas such as rainwater tanks, evaporation pits, retarding basins;
- \* investigate alternatives to the present over-engineered urban design and drainage systems with an emphasis on involving less dependence on concrete works and encouraging natural drainage methods;
- \* investigate ways to reuse and recycle domestic 'grey water';
- \* encourage the 'clean up' and rehabilitation of Bendigo's urban streambanks;
- \* support greater water quality monitoring efforts by EPA, Coliban Water and industry;
- \* encourage the community to monitor urban waterways;
- \* investigate industrial discharges into sewers and the practicability of re-use on site, the separation of noxious wastes on site and disposal away from the sewer;
- \* support integrated catchment management; *To highest priority. & water harvesting; to ensure short + long term water supply*

### Education:

- \* implement and support a community education program, including the Shire of Strathfieldsaye's brochure: 'Water: half-a-hundred ways to save it outside the home', to reduce the amount of water being used inside the home and garden by promoting mulching, proper watering techniques and equipment, low maintenance gardens and indigenous plants;
- \* support the use of Coliban Water's Water Education Kit for schools and Waterwise Gardening booklet;
- \* develop an awareness of the value of indigenous vegetation through brochures and displays;
- \* develop community awareness of the effects of the volume of stormwater and treated waste water generated in the urban areas on downstream Bendigo Creek and Huntly;
- \* support Waterwise section in the Bendigo Garden Competition.

### Regulation:

- \* adopt the Shire of Strathfieldsaye's Drainage Policy on a regional basis;
- \* develop a policy on the use of organic fertilisers;

### Environmental Economics:

- \* support a 'user pays' policy for water that acknowledges the true cost of supplying the water;
- \* financially support 'Best Indigenous Garden' in the Bendigo Garden Competition.