

Coliban Water Investigation Committee

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Chairman
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DEAR MEMBER,

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE D.N.R.E. COMPLEX ON WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2001 AT 7.30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETINGBUSINESS

- (1) OPEN AND WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.
- (4) OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (5) INWARD CORRESPONDENCE.
- (6) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
- (7) FINANCIAL REPORT.
- (8) OTHER REPORTS.
- (9) GENERAL BUSINESS.
- (10) NOTICE OF MOTION... "DUE TO THE LACK OF INTEREST SHOWN BY MEMBERS IN ATTENDING MEETINGS, THE C.W.I.C. GO INTO TEMPORARY RECESS AND THE PRESENT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY BE APPOINTED TRUSTEES TO MANAGE THE FUNDS OF THE COMMITTEE UNTIL EVENTS JUSTIFY FURTHER MEETINGS". K.A. READ.
- (11) CLOSE.

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ANNUAL MEETING.....BUSINESS

- (1) OPEN AND WELCOME.
- (2) APOLOGIES.
- (3) MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING.
- (4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
- (5) FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDITORS REPORT.
- (6) ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.
- (7) SETTING OF AFFILIATION FEES 2002/2003
- (8) SECRETARY'S HONORARIUM.
- (9) ANY URGENT BUSINESS.
- (10) CLOSE.

*Welcome Home
 Hope you enjoyed
 the trip K.*

Kath Read.

Annual meeting minutes sent with May Agenda

MINUTES OF THE COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE
HELD 23/5/2001 AT N.R.E., EPSOM AT 7 - 30 p.m.

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Present.

Messrs J. Scott (in chair), K. Read, H. Lourie, B. Mannes, S. Lottkowitz,
M. Browne, M. Pitson, Mrs. J. Heard, Miss B. Moloney & Secretary Mrs. K. Read.

Apologies.

Nil.

Minutes.

Moved M. Browne sec. H. Lourie Minutes of 1/8/2000 as circulated be
confirmed. Crd.

Outward Correspondence.

Letter to Coliban Water Authority re water efficiencies.

Inward Correspondence.

Letter from Coliban Water Authority re above correspondence.

Letter from Sherryl Garbutt, Minister, re Advisory Group with Coliban Water.

Moved J. Heard sec. M. Browne that Minister be asked to supply details of
meetings held by Coliban Water with focus groups in the past twelve months
and also proposed schedules for the next twelve months. The C.W.I.C. has a
wealth of knowledge and experience which may be of assistance in those
consultations. Crd.

Moved K. Read sec. M. Browne that C.W.I.C. believe that an elected
Advisory Committee for a mixed term would be far more beneficial to
Coliban Water and the Community. Crd.

Moved K. Read sec. M. Pitson that an appointment be arranged with Minister
Garbutt when State Cabinet comes to Bendigo, and C.W.I.C. could put their
points to her in person. Crd.

Moved B. Mannes sec. M. Pitson that we write to Coliban Water thanking
them for their reply on channel efficiencies and request meetings be held with
customer services, baliffs and users of each channel or a collection of
channels to help improve both services and efficiencies and to be held, soon
after the end of the season. Crd.

Moved H. Lourie sec. M. Browne Outward Correspondence be endorsed and
Inward Correspondence be received. Crd.

Chairman's Report.

Most channels in a bad condition with grass and weeds - no spraying has been
done - has contacted Coliban regularly. *Some*

Reports.

M. Browne reported he had contacted Coliban Water re advertising of the
rates in the Bendigo Advertiser. Was told it had been advertised in one
Wednesday paper.

only for pumping from reservoir.

K. Read reported he had heard a report that negotiations were taking place between Goulburn Murray Water and Coliban Water regarding a proposal for Coliban Water to take over responsibility for administering private diversions from the Coliban River, which could lead to a substantial increase in charges for the divertors concerned.

not done river

Moved H. Lourie sec. M. Browne all Reports be received. Crd.

Financial Report.

Sandhurst Trustees	\$529 - 39
Bank of Melbourne.....	\$446 - 74
Petty cash	\$ - 2 - 62

Secretary reported on account at Bank of Melbourne and advised that it would need to be changed to a Society statement account to avoid fees on minimum balance paying 0.07% interest.

Moved M. Browne sec. J. Heard all Reports be received and secretary to arrange the change at the bank, also to withdraw \$50 for petty cash. Crd.

General Business.

Moved Ken Read sec.M. Browne that we ask Coliban Water for annual channel efficiency plus quantity of water delivered on each channel. Crd.

Notice of Motion to lie on table until Annual Meeting.

Next meeting - Annual - at N.R.E. on a Wednesday Night late in August.

Meeting closed 9 -35 p.m.

2000/2001 Season

System Name	Channel Efficiency	Channel Deliveries (MI)
Coliban	100.00%	763.72
Poverty	91.64%	39.109
Campbells Creek	42.26%	17.792
Ranters	45.78%	10.3
Gaol Hill	24.19%	6.411
Harcourt	90.35%	1273.709
Specimen Gully	74.69%	298.603
Warrens	62.35%	399.959
Trust	39.93%	69.39
Eagle	36.16%	92.341
Comini	60.68%	111.708
Specimen Hill	93.72%	162.348
Spring Gully	98.17%	122.788
Eppalock Pipeline	97.23%	384.779
Emu Valley-1	80.62%	246.409
Emu Valley-2	84.41%	291.231
Emu Valley-2 Epp	82.75%	70.507
Abbotts	100.00%	347.174
Mannes	96.02%	194.148
Strathfieldsaye	74.64%	1.045
Axe Creek	44.17%	249.124
Ellesmere	57.71%	78.084
Kangaroo	75.15%	34.118
Diamond Hill	77.21%	66.246
Lockwood	69.13%	384.624
Maiden Gully	78.35%	167.117
Marong	85.12%	158.367
Wilsons Hill	64.81%	111.795
Cockatoo Hill	66.05%	122.155
Myers Flat	82.74%	206.771
Sebastian	80.35%	51.743
Raywood	87.47%	117.666
Neilborough	79.18%	29.612
Jackass Flat Channel	84.08%	25.476
Sparrow Hawk	85.95%	3.612
Iron Stone	68.16%	40.488
Ascot	89.19%	418.68
White Hills	98.40%	137.46
Huntly	98.25%	22.466
Goornong	77.64%	259.398
Jackass Flat Pipeline	61.80%	29.099
Lockwood South Pipeline	59.00%	172.106

25/5/2001

SHERRYL GARBUTT
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION,
P.O. BOX 500
EAST MELBOURNE

Dear Ms Garbutt,

Ref. No. MC024171R
Re WATER SERVICES COMMITTEES FOR COLIBAN RURAL SECTOR.

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to this matter dated 29 August 2000.

We have waited since your letter to find evidence of these "focus groups" and "rural sub-committees" which you referred to in your letter, but have not been very successful.

We did unearth one rural user who had been asked to attend a meeting by Coliban Water, who was not supplied with an agenda, had no idea why the invitation was sent and was informed it was not anticipated that a further invitation would be issued. For the reasons quoted above, this person considered the meeting a complete waste of time.

Our Committee formally requests that you obtain from Coliban Water a listing of all the "focus groups" and "rural sub-committees" held by Coliban Water during the past twelve months and a further list of those for the next twelve months.

Our Committee has had a continuous history of beneficial involvement for well over sixty years with the former S.R.W.S., Rural Water Commission and in its early years, Coliban Water Authority.

In your last paragraph you referred to a review of the performance in regard to water authorities and "effective consultation processes". Such processes have been observed and participated in, in Goulburn Murray Water Authority by one of our members, and are a very successful way of ascertaining customer views.

No such observations can be credited to Coliban Water and we again strongly recommend that you use your influence to ensure that an elected advisory body, of say five persons, representing various zones in the rural sector be established for the Coliban rural sector, to meet quarterly or as required either afternoons or evenings. Such persons to serve a maximum of three years but be eligible for re-election.

This, we believe, is the only answer to your desire for an effective Advisory body.

We look forward to your response to our queries and suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

Kath Read

6/6/2001

GEOFF MICHELL,
C.E.O.
COLIBAN WATER AUTHORITY.

Dear Geoff,

Thank-you for supplying the figures relating to water efficiencies in rural channels for 1999/2000.

- (1) For the season recently concluded we request the same information, but we ask also that the total quantity of water delivered from each channel be included, so that we may observe the relevance of the efficiency figures.

- (2) We formally request also that your Board considers holding a series of meetings between customer services, baliffs and channel users. These could logically be held by combining a number of channels in one group. They would need to be held as soon as possible to ensure any maintenance work required could be carried out in the off season.

We await your reply,

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Read



Coliban
W A T E R

Your ref.

Our ref. 102/15

Contact: Alastair Dawson (03) 5434 1234

27 June 2001

Mrs Kath Read
Secretary
Coliban Water Investigation Committee
Railway Place
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Dear Mrs Read

Rural Channel Efficiencies

Thank you for your letter dated 6 June 2001, requesting information regarding the efficiencies and deliveries for our various rural channels during the 2000 / 2001 season.

At this stage the channel efficiency calculations have not yet been finalised, as the customer metres on two of our rural pipelines have not had the final read for the season completed. It is anticipated that these matters will be read in the next week and I will be happy to provide you with the information you seek thereafter.

I note also your request to organise a meeting between your committee and Coliban Water representatives to establish a maintenance program. At this stage I am of the view that our current maintenance program is achieving our objectives in providing the most effective use of our existing resources. However, I will take your request into consideration as part of my intention to re-establish a rural user-group working party to review the implementation of the new rural licence scheme and rural issues in general.

Should you have any further rural water enquiries, in the meantime, please contact Frank Reilly on 5434 1281

Yours faithfully

Geoff Michell
Chief Executive