

Board meeting summary: December 2010

Managing Director's report

The items of note for the month were:

- Following continued heavy rain during the month, regional reservoirs have significantly increased storage volume.
- Despite the rain, rising temperatures have caused average residential per person water consumption to rise to 151 l/p/d for the year to date. This is slightly above comparative levels in 2009 149 l/p/d.
- Capital expenditure is below target principally due to the wet weather.
- Nine incidents were declared during the month principally due to rain impacts in a number of areas.

Water supply security

Continued rains during the month continue to improve the storage levels in the local reservoirs around Woodend, Macedon and Romsey. Inflows have also occurred to the Rosslynne, Merrimu and Pykes Creek regional reservoirs. Pykes Creek is currently spilling. Similarly Melbourne storages have also improved.

Current storage levels as at 23 November 2010 are:

Supply system	Volume in storage (bulk entitlement) ML	% full
Rosslynne (Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Macedon, Mt Macedon, Sunbury)	5533	24.7
Lake Merrimu (Melton and Bacchus Marsh)	10,939	47.1
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Myrning)	14,491	65.5
Kerrie, Foster and Wright Reservoirs (Romsey)	374	99.8
Campaspe Reservoir (Woodend)	356	97.3
Anderson, McDonalds, Orde Hill, Willimigongon, Kitty English, Frank Mann Reservoirs (Macedon Storages)	471	100
Melbourne Storages (all towns excluding Lancefield and Romsey)	932,200	51.4

The Board noted that work is commencing to bring regional water treatment plants at Merrimu and Rosslynne on-line.

The Board also noted the proposed revisions to the Permanent Water Savings Rules relating to the extension of the Commercial/Industrial WaterMAP program from companies using 10ML water per annum to 5ML water per annum.

The Board also noted the work being carried out in relation to minimising water losses. This work is being coordinated by the Water Chasers cross business team includes work on:

- Pressure Management
- Improved Bulk and District Metering
- Modernising the customer meter fleet
- Management of water transport carters
- Research associated with End Use Monitoring and Intelligent Networks
- Conservation programs such as WaterTight and the Showerhead exchange.
- The WaterMAPS industrial/commercial water use management program.

Toolern Development

The Board was provided and update on the possible harvesting of stormwater (as well as Class A Recycled Water and Potable Water) for the Toolern Precinct development in Melton.

Toolern Recycled Water Storage

The Board discussed the possible options for siting the Toolern Recycled Water storage tanks at Mt Cottrell.

Coburns/Rees Road Water Main Extension

The Board approved a contract for a 600mm water main extension in Coburns Road into Melton South to service the Toolern precinct.

Code of Practice for Water Corporation Boards

The Board adopted the new Code of Practice for Water Corporation Boards as developed by VicWater and DSE, noting that many of the aspects of the new Code are already carried out by Western Water.