

Board meeting summary: September 2010

Managing Director's report

The items of note for the month were:

- Residential per person water consumption has dropped to 140 L/p/d for August.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions were slightly over target. The Greenhouse Gas Strategy is currently under review.
- Due to recent rains, the storage levels in a number of systems has improved.
- Potable water substitution with recycled water is lower than plan due to recent wet weather.
- Capital Expenditure is under target at present due to the wet weather.
- A number of water quality complaints were received due to silt stirring up in a 600mm pipe following works on the main. A letter was sent to affected customers explaining the issue.
- There was a record 22 positive articles in the media in August.
- There were no Lost Time Injuries during the month.

Water supply security

Continued rains during the month have improved the storage levels in the smaller reservoirs around Woodend, Macedon and Romsey and inflows have also occurred to Rosslynne, Merrimu and Pikes Ck. Similarly Melbourne storages have also improved.

Current storage levels as at 1 September 2010 are:

Supply system	Volume in storage (bulk entitlement) ML	% full
Rosslynne (Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Macedon, Mt Macedon, Sunbury)	2709	10.67
Lake Merrimu (Melton and Bacchus Marsh)	5518	23.72
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Myrning)	6262	28.31
Kerrie, Foster and Wright Reservoirs (Romsey)	373	99.8
Campaspe Reservoir (Woodend)	366	100
Anderson, McDonalds, Orde Hill, Willimigongon, Kitty English, Frank Mann Reservoirs (Macedon Storages)	422	89
Melbourne Storages (all towns excluding Lancefield and Romsey)	752400	41.5

The Board approved the move to Stage 2 Water Restrictions.

Melton and Sunbury Recycled Water Plant – Aeration System Upgrades

The Board approved a contract to upgrade the aeration systems for Sunbury and Melton Recycled Water Plants which will significantly improve aeration efficiencies, lower energy use and greenhouse emissions from the sites.

Recycled Water Strategy Update

The Board noted that at the end of June 2010, 85% of water received in our wastewater system has been recycled. At present, due to the wet weather, a number of recycled water plants are receiving greater than normal inflows. The rate of potable substitution with recycled water continues to exceed target with 1,572 million litres recycled in 2009/10. A number of additional projects are currently being evaluated to expand recycled water use.

Government Water Policy Implementation Plan

The Board noted Western Water's progress in achieving actions outlined a number of Government Policies. Among others these include:

- Central Regional Sustainable Water Strategy
- Our Water Our Future – The Next Steps (White Paper)
- Land and Biodiversity White Paper
- Port Philip and Westernport Catchment Management Strategy