

Board meeting summary: September 2011

Managing Director's report

The items of note for the month were:

- Year to date residential consumption was 137 l/p/day with total consumption being 173 l/p/day.
- Greenhouse gas emissions of 4,183 tCO₂e are above the target of 3,021 tCO₂e due to the change in emissions factors announced by the Commonwealth.
- Reliance on Melbourne System Bulk Entitlement was less than the cap due to continued low water use and the use of local storages.
- Non revenue water losses are currently 8.7%.
- 12 complaints were received during the month (5 water quality and 7 other).
- There was one LTI in the past month.

Water supply security

Storage levels in local reservoirs have remained stable during the month. Melbourne storages have increased slightly.

Current storage levels as at 31 August 2011 are:

Supply system	Volume in storage (bulk entitlement) ML	% full
Roslynne (Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Macedon, Mt Macedon, Sunbury)	14,360	68.8
Lake Merrimu (Melton and Bacchus Marsh)	17,202	88.3
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Myrniong)	21,139	100
Kerrie, Foster and Wright Reservoirs (Romsey)	394	100
Campaspe Reservoir (Woodend)	365	100
Anderson, McDonalds, Orde Hill, Willimigongon, Kitty English, Frank Mann Reservoirs (Macedon Storages)	438	93
Melbourne Storages (all towns excluding Lancefield and Romsey)	1,111,000	62

Water Restrictions and Permanent Water Saving Rules

Public consultation on the future of water restrictions is continuing. Forums have been established by the metropolitan retailers to consider:

- Rethinking how we make water supply decisions
- The application and structure of restrictions and Permanent Water Saving Rules
- The value of water.

A draft discussion paper and draft revisions to the Water Restrictions By-Law and Permanent Water Saving Rules were discussed.

The Board approved the draft revisions for release for public consultation when finalised.

Recycled Water Strategy Update

The Board was informed of the progress of the recycled water strategy with the key achievement being 1,488ML of potable water being substituted with recycled water.

The very wet year has also impacted by lowering recycling percentages and placing pressure on winter irrigation storages.

Class A recycled water is now supplying some 254 homes in Eynesbury with these homes achieving a 37% reduction in potable water use compared to other homes in the region.

The Board also noted progress on the Gisborne GROWs project which will supply agribusiness in Gisborne.

Asset Management

Following public tender, the Board approved the tender for a new Asset Management Information System which will be implemented over the next 12 months.

Government Water Policy Implementation Plan

The Department of Sustainability and Environment has notified Western Water of the appropriate Government policies still applicable to Western Water.

The Board was also provided with a report on the status of all actions from policies which may have an impact on Western Water's current operating environment.

The Board noted that the details of the Living Victoria RoadMap are expected to be available in December 2011.