

Water Efficiency Working Group Meeting 24 November 2022Environmental Learning Facility

- Attendees:** John Edwards, Rhonda Coleman, Cr Steve Pickering, Steve Thompson, Tina Young, Cr Scott Wolgamot (CCH)
- Observers:** Bligh Grant (CVC), Nicole Larkin (CCH), Greg Mashiah (CVC), Richard Roper (CVC), Chris Hellyer (CVC)
- Apologies:** Leonie Blain, Melissa Hinkley (CCH - staff)

1) Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:15 with Cr Pickering in the Chair. Cr Pickering gave an acknowledgement of country. Attendees introduced themselves.

2) Governance and advisory committees

Bligh Grant (CVC Governance Officer) outlined the role of Advisory Committees. Advisory Committees no longer have constitutions. There are three key documents for Advisory Committees – their Terms of Reference, the Council Code of Conduct and the Advisory Committee handbook, which outlines procedural detail which was previously in the constitution. There is also a Committee webpage on Council's website which includes the three key documents and will also include minutes - <https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Committees/Advisory-Committees/Water-Efficiency-Working-Group>

Bligh left the meeting at 10:35

3) Introduction

Chris Hellyer and Greg Mashiah gave an introduction to the Regional Water Supply and the Water Efficiency Working Group. The 5 year *Water Efficiency Strategic Plan* (WESP) was adopted by both Councils in October/November 2020 and this is the second year of the *Water Efficiency Implementation Plan* (WEIP). The WESP and WEIP documents will be added to the Committee's webpage

Edwards/Young: That the Minutes of the 2 November 2021 Water Efficiency Working Group be accepted. CARRIED

4) Water Efficiency Reporting

- Chris Hellyer (CVC) presented CVC's water efficiency report on WEIP implementation (see attached presentation).
- Nicole Larkin (CCH) presented CCH's water efficiency report on WEIP implementation (see attached presentation).

Rhonda Coleman left the meeting at 11:45

5) General BusinessNymboida Catchment Management

Greg Mashiah outlined how many of the catchment issues related to the Nymboida catchment are covered by State Government agencies. Council has made submissions to recent state government

reviews on Mining and Forestry raising concerns regarding impacts on water quality. John Edwards noted that there will be a request to CVC via the Biodiversity Advisory Committee that Council oppose logging the catchment.

Water Supply Issues

Greg Mashiah advised there are turbidity issues in Shannon Creek following the 2019 fires and that a method to address this issue is still to be found.

Other business

Cr Pickering asked about concealed leaks and whether customers with suspected leaks are called to give verbal advise as well as being sent an advice letter? (*Post meeting advice -*).

The frequency of WEWG was discussed. The Committee's ToR require a minimum of an annual meeting. It was noted that Leonne Blain has previously requested one meeting be in Water Week.

Wolgamot/Pickering That the WEWG meeting frequency be twice per year. CARRIED

The role of the WEWG in relation to water quality was discussed. Greg Mashiah noted that a submission to the WESP suggested the WEWG include water quality but this was not included in the WEWG.

6) Next meeting

The next meeting be in April/May – TBA

7) Close

The meeting closed at 13:00.