



Meeting No. 2 Summary

Loch Garry Reference Committee

Monday 20 March 2023

Attendees:

Cath Botta (Independent Facilitator)

GMW Loch Gary Customers

Colin Gilby, James Grinter, John Pettigrew, Mackenzie Craig, Linton Ryan

Community Representatives

Dennis Patterson, Mathew Price, Natalia Akers

Agency Representatives

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA)

Guy Tierney

City of Greater Shepparton

Peter Harriot

Moira Shire Council

Graham Henderson

Goulburn Murray Water (GMW)

Charmaine Quick, Warren Blyth, Peter Clydesdale, Klaus Nannestad, Luke Dunham, Nadine Francis

1. Welcome

- Independent Facilitator Cath Botta welcomed all to the second meeting and reiterated the committee's purpose.
- New members were welcomed and all of the members introduced themselves.

2. Action Items

- Details were provided on the operating rules and legal process for changing them. The process must include a community consultation and GMW Board for approval
- Further detail was given on the level measuring device in Shepparton.
- An overview of the Loch Garry financials was presented. The figures showed that both the revenue and expenditure for the loch tend to be around \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year. The
- Cath presented guidelines on GMW's responsibilities as meeting facilitators. This includes distributing the agenda to committee members five days prior to each meeting, addressing action items in a timely manner and ensuring meeting dates work for as many people as possible.

3. The broader system's influence on Loch Garry

- GBCMA Statutory Planning and Floodplain manager Guy Tierney presented on how the broader system influences conditions at Loch Garry during flood events.
- Guy noted the rate the Goulburn River rose during the 2022 floods was far quicker than in previous floods on record.

4. Goulburn River flows during October 2022 floods

- GMW River Operations manager Andrew Shields presented on the Goulburn River flows for 2022.
- Andrew explained that Lake Eildon and Goulburn Weir both experienced the highest inflows on record for October and November.

5. Developing a timeline of the event involving landholders and agencies

- All members were invited to participate in a critical observations/event timeline exercise. This involved using post-it notes to record where in the timeline each individual understood critical events had happened.

6. The Loch Garry regulator as an asset

- GMW Incident & Recovery general manager Peter Clydesdale presented some details on the Loch Garry regulator, including the asset's intended lifespan and its long-term viability.
- The lifespan of the regulator is about 100 years, with an estimated remaining lifespan of about 15-20 years.
- An inspection of the regulator after the 2022 floods revealed the following:
 - The footbridge is still in good condition.
 - Minor concrete repairs are required.

7. Victorian Flood Inquiry

- Goulburn Murray Water managing director Charmaine Quick advised the committee there is currently a parliamentary inquiry into Victorian Flooding. The inquiry is currently open to submissions and closes on 8 May 2023.
- This committee was informed Terms of Reference would not prevent members from making a submission.

Meeting Action List

Date	Action	Responsible	Status
20/03/23	Spreadsheet of financials showing current balance of Loch Garry account to be sent to committee members	GMW	In Progress
20/03/23	Stats on the time it took the Goulburn River to reach 10.36m on the Shepparton Gauge after it had reached the same height at Loch Garry	GBCMA	In Progress
20/03/23	Clarity on the potential for there to be committee oversight on the procurement process involved in repairing levees	GMW	In Progress
20/03/23	Copy of the current operating rules to be sent out	GMW	In Progress