

## **MITIAMO RETICULATED WATER SUPPLY**

**Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 between MRWS Committee and Archard Irrigation at GM Water Offices, Pyramid Hill.**

**PRESENT: Neil Allen, Geoff Thomas, Allan Wiltshire, Jim Mitchell, Ron Mitchell, Jonathan Leech, Keith O'Toole, Stan Archard, Brenton Jettner.**

**APOLOGY: Greg Rankin**

**MEETING OVERVIEW: Brenton Jettner spoke on establishing a formal relationship between Archard Irrigation and the MRWS Committee.**

- 1. Archards need a commitment from MRWS to proceed with project.  
(GM Water also needs a commitment from Archards).**
- 2. Archards are seeking direction from MRWS as to what they want included in the project and how we want it to work.**
- 3. Archards need a data base of each of the 11 schemes' office bearers and members.**
- 4. Public now need to start working through the MRWS Committee rather than Archard Irrigation.**
- 5. MRWS Committee members need to be able to see the bigger picture of the project and its implications to the larger community, not just focus on local and self interest issues.**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Pipeline parameters/Potential area to be serviced/Metering/Inline filtering/Snails/Low chlorine injection to combat snails.**
- 2. Pumps at either end of the system - Dingee and Kow Swamp/Winter Supply at Kow Swamp/Murray and Goulburn Water/Less chance of power interruptions to whole system/Maximum full flow 15-25 km.**
- 3. Terrick East Scheme - still to be resolved.**

**4. Stocking Rates - some areas will need more water than others.**

**5. Dryland Entry - 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft of the criteria for joining pipeline was tabled. MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS IS NOT A FINALISED DOCUMENT.**

**Currently the estimated cost of Dryland non-existing service entry is \$11,500 per ML. This equates to \$35 a hectare or \$14 an acre, plus water (with the option to pay this off over 10 years). AGAIN, THESE ARE ONLY INDICATIVE FIGURES.**

**6. Internal Trading - is possible as a syndicate but not as a GM Water entity.**

**7. Area Pipe Size Upgrades - possible catering for intensive agriculture in the future (Discussion without resolution).**

**8. Water Savings - how efficient are pipelines?**

**Answer - Stan Archard estimates 75 to 80%**

**9. Project still financially on track at 7.5 million.**

**10. NVIRP - Stan advised that discussions over NVIRP areas being considered for reconfiguration, requiring S & D service, and adjacent to our proposed pipeline, would give us a potential serviced area of around 100,000 hectares.**

**GM Water advises that this will be the biggest single pipeline in Victoria!**

**11. MOTION - That MRWS move forward to the next stage with Archards.**

**Moved Jim Mitchell, Seconded Allan Wiltshire.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Meeting closed at 2.55pm.**

**MRWS - "WE HAVE A VISION NOT JUST A PIPE DREAM!"**