

Regional Advisory Panel (SA)

Meeting No. 2

21 April 2015

Minutes

SA Water Adelaide

Attendees				
Jamie Ewert (Chair)	Martin Allen (DEWINR)	John Devine (CoUnley)	Steve Gatti (A&MLR)	
Sam Phillips (A&MLR)	Terry Banks (Murray Darling Basin NRM)	Mellissa Bradley (watersensitiveSA)	Greg Ingleton (SA Water)	
Jodi (SA Water)				
Apologies				
Angus Simpson (UoA)	Ebony Henderson (CRCWSC)			

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1.	Welcome and Apologies The meeting commenced at 10.00 am. The Chair welcomed all members. Apologies were noted
2.	Perth Industry Partners Workshop/Researchers Workshop Jamie and Greg shared feedback from the recent workshops in Perth. In addition to presentations on research projects and higher level 'narratives' of each of the four research programs, the workshops introduced the process and design of the second round of CRC research projects – known as the Tranche 2 process. This second phase of research will focus on adoption of current research and filling knowledge gaps that target the needs of specific city locations. CRC activity will therefore have a more even distribution between research and adoption/implementation activities, as well as a more 'localised' flavour to its work. These local activities will target major cities in the current regions, with Melbourne and Perth likely to have the greatest levels of activity. South Australian needs can be integrated within the Melbourne activities. This proposal was well received by both industry and research participants at the workshops.
3.	Urban Water Plan for Adelaide Following on from previous meetings, planning has progressed for a workshop which will trial the Water Sensitive City Index for Adelaide. It is hoped that this will assist in the development of the Urban Water Plan by suggesting an evaluation framework. There was considerable discussion on the purposes, design and application of such a tool.

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	The Water Sensitive City Index is designed to benchmark current and future performance at a city scale and to assist in the development of strategic responses for urban water management. Its design is based on commonly used organisational culture assessment tools.
	It was agreed that the proposal should be further developed by CRC and watersensitvieSA. The aim is to host two half day workshops beginning in early June, with strong local government representation.
4.	Tranche Two Research Projects – preparation activties A series of workshops will be held nationally to identify research needs for Tranche 2. The CRC is currently developing this plan, and South Australian partners will be invited to the Melbourne Workshop. This workshop is planned for late June/early July. It is anticipated that the CRC will provide assistance for SA partners to participate in the Melbourne Tranche 2 workshop.
	In preparation, partners are being encouraged to undertake engagement within their organisations to ensure they have identified and can represent their local needs in a broader discussion.
	The panel identified the need for a collaborative planning workshop in Adelaide, attended by current CRC partners and other stakeholders. WaterSensitvieSA will host and facilitate this workshop.
	Action – Jamie and Mellissa to plan and deliver a tranche 2 workshop.
6.	Other business
	Senate Stormwater Inquiry – the panel discussed the submissions made to the Senate's inquiry into stormwater management, and the likely drivers for the inquiry.
	Suggestions for future seminars:
	 Urban heat island with Nigel Tapper, including non-market benefits, and the implications for the design of private spacing housing. Economics of urban water
	Close: the meeting closed at 3.35pm and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
	Date of Next Meeting: July 2015

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