

Regional Advisory Panel Meeting Western Region

Meeting No. 41	Meeting Minutes	9.00am - 10:00am
24/03/2020		zoom

Attendees			
John Savell	Dept. of Communities /CRCWSC EPRG	Emma Yuen	CRCWSC, Regional Manager
Loretta van Gasselt	Dept. of Planning, Lands & Heritage	Emma Monk	Dept. of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Mike Mouritz (Chair)	CRCWSC Board	Winsome MacLaurin	Dept. of Water & Environmental Regulation
Shelley Shepherd	New Water Ways Inc.	Antonietta Torre	Water Corporation
Scott Wills	Water Technology	Max Hipkins	Consultant
Barry Ball	CRCWSC		
Apologies			
Ryan Hunter	Peet	David Jones	Dept. of Communities
Greg Ryan	Development WA	Ryan Hunter	Peet
Neil Burbridge	City of Armadale	Tao Bourton	Yolk Property Group
Ajay Shah	KBR	Nick Deeks	GHD

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1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all to the new teleconference format. We agreed to focus on the executive update, Business Plan, WSTN update and other business related to membership and teleconferencing.</p>
2.	<p>Acceptance of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the last RAP meeting were accepted.</p>
3.	<p>Actions from August minutes</p> <p>Not addressed considering corona may change priorities.</p>
CRCWSC Updates	
4.	<p>Executive update</p> <p><u>CORONA AND THE CRCWSC:</u></p> <p>Barry went over how the research adoption program will adapt to the current situation.</p>

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	<p>They are looking into online delivery of the tools and products for the next 3 months</p> <p>They have considered different levels of engagement and different future scenarios.</p> <p>Everything is in flux but want to focus on engaging as best we can in order to meet the hard deadline for July 2021. This uncertainty extends to how next year's budget will be allocated.</p> <p><u>WSCl:</u></p> <p>EPRG met at end of February and discussed the Institute. There was interest from UQ and Monash for ownership and only limited discussions with UWA who possibly want to be more of a partner than an owner. However, the current shock to universities with loss of international student income will probably mean it is a long time before people can invest in anything.</p> <p>Watercorp were waiting for more details around ownership and will not be in a position to make a decision for a while</p> <p><u>ONGOING TOOL ACCESS:</u></p> <p>Tools and products need to maintain some access post June 2021. If it isn't the WSCl providing this service then there needs to be a scaled down version to keep the wheels turning over.</p> <p>ACTION: BB will give an update on Adoption activities post Covid-19 at the next meeting</p>
4.	<p>WRAP discussion around Corona and implications for state government</p> <p>State budgets will be put on hold a few months but this doesn't change the CRCWSC deadline of June 2021.</p> <p>Some agencies are bringing forward more relevant work for this time.</p> <p>Some agencies are only doing the essential work and putting everyone on holidays</p> <p>State agencies are told to carry on and continue as best they can</p> <p>All will have trouble getting input from others with so many on leave</p> <p>Government needs to deliver core functions and people may be reallocated to other areas of work.</p> <p>From a planning perspective, water ranked at the lowest priority while bushfire is obviously higher.</p> <p>There is a strong role for the think tank to provide thought leadership on how to respond to these types of crises - valuing liveability, similar problems of how to respond to climate (ie ultimately water) and to lay the foundations of the future.</p> <p>We have an opportunity to plan and position around any projects still going ahead. There may be some in development WA.</p> <p>ACTION: EY to ask state developers about any projects that are going ahead.</p>
5.	<p>Regional Manager Report</p> <p>Business plan was approved subject to comments by Emma Monk and Shelley Shepherd being incorporated. It is acknowledged that it is out of date but that we would adapt in the rapidly changing environment.</p> <p>ACTION: EY to amend the business plan and issue as a final</p>

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	Items for discussion
6.	<p>Capacity Building</p> <p>NWW has cancelled all face to face events and what can be done is being done via webinars.</p> <p>Shelley asked the WRAP whether to send out the newsletters and there were two opinions 1) repurpose what we do in the context of COVID to fit in the changing landscape 2) provide a distraction from Covid and show the world goes on and the positive stuff around how people are making WSC work.</p> <p>It was agreed the newsletters would be sent and to provide positive messages.</p> <p>ACTION: SS to continue sending NWW newsletters so there are good news stories to distract from the Covid-19 crisis.</p>
7.	<p>TAPS2 / Scenario tool</p> <p>Christian is searching for topics for the webinars.</p> <p>ACTION: ALL to notify AT of topics for TAP2 webinars.</p> <p>ALL, particularly WM to provide AT with suitable text for the guidance notes so that they are relevant internationally.</p> <p>TAPS1/ A/ Management database</p> <p>There is an opportunity to provide feedback on the index tool TAPS.</p> <p>DWER were concerned that groundwater is not well covered in the index and whilst the indicators don't need to change, the guidance notes should be tweaked to reflect better how existing indicators are about groundwater too.</p>
8.	<p>IRP1</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
9.	<p>IRP2</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
10.	<p>IRP3</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
11.	<p>IRP4</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
12.	<p>IRP5</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>

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13.	<p>WS Transition Network</p> <p>Action 30 (p19) of the Waterwise Perth Action Plan is to ‘Explore collaboration with industry, local governments and the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities to extend science and modelling to support water planning and policy’. At the most recent Waterwise Steering Committee meeting (26 February 2020), it directed the Waterwise Working Group to ‘Work with the Water Sensitive Transition Network and the Office of Science to provide advice and recommendations on prioritised science, research and adoption needs for State government to accelerate waterwise outcomes, including options for delivery and options for investment models.’</p> <p>It is important to ensure that the recommendations on prioritised science, research and adoption needs for waterwise have taken into account the State government and Office of Science priorities.</p> <p>It will be embedded in the water wise Perth action plan:</p> <p>Next steps are to engage a consultant who will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) review existing work to come up with research science needs (including liveability workshop, gaps from IRPs, etc) 2) share with Waterwise Working Group, Waterwise Steering Committee, Office of Science and begin shortlisting the criteria. 3) work with WSTN stakeholders for their feedback 4) WSTN and DWER and Steering Committee will then need to work out what is the content. 5) Then the groups will agree recommendations on options for delivery and options for investment models
14.	<p>Events</p> <p>This was not discussed.</p>
Other business	
15.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Quorum</p> <p>We only just formed a quorum at this meeting and discussed the difficulties this poses going forward. It was agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Remove long absent WRAP members who haven’t attended in the past 12 months and are not participants of the CRCWSC. In particular, Neil Burbridge and Ajay Shah. 2) Create a list of formal WRAP members for decision making (hence required for quorum), and an additional list of WRAP stakeholders who will still be circulated all papers but not formally considered a member. 3) WRAP stakeholder are permitted to attend WRAP at the invitation of the Chair or Executive Officer. 4) The Chair will gauge interest from members who haven’t attended more than three meetings 5) Send out an EOI for LGA members to fill any gaps <p>Feedback on undertaking Zoom meetings:</p>

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	<p>There were a few issues with access to working technology but members are adapting and we should continue to use it during times of social distancing.</p> <p>ACTION: EY to send out email inviting those on the current WRAP circulation list to clarify their interest in ongoing WRAP membership</p> <p>EY to send out an EOI for a LGA member to fill any gaps.</p>
16.	<p>Close: The meeting closed at 10.00am.</p> <p>Next meeting: Zoom on Tuesday 26 May</p>