

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ARTESIAN BORE WATER USERS
ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC**

HELD AT THE CROSSING THEATRE, NARRABRI ON 6TH MAY 2013

- Present:** Kevin Duncan, Anne Kennedy, Steve Cheal, Neil Kennedy, Joan McNaughton, Karen Thurston, Robert Harris, Brian McMullin, James Matchett, John Corlis, Joshua Borowski, James Searle, James Nalder, Ron Macka, Brian Hanigan, Kerry Hanigan, Victoria Hamilton, Sonya Marshall, Pam Goldsmith, Tony Pickard, David Quinle, Julia Borowski, Ted Borowski, Jeremy Borowski, George Hanigan, and .J Baker.
- Apologies:** Janet Bayless, Geoff Nicholson, Bill Moore, Mick Marshall, Bart Officer, Peter Coulton and David Cameron.
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Secretary Joan McNaughton read the Minutes of the previous meeting. Moved Robert Harris, seconded by Sonya Marshall, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried**
- President:** Anne Kennedy welcomed all present and thanked them all for attending The meeting and welcomed our visitors. Anne also asked those present if they would accept Kevin Duncan to chair the Meeting and this was accepted.
- Chairman:** At the request of the President Anne Kennedy, Kevin Duncan chaired the meeting and welcomed all present, thanking them for their continued support.
- Presidents Report:** Anne Kennedy addressed the meeting informing those present that a huge amount of correspondence and meeting with ministers had taken place throughout the year, and that she has made many calls to various associations, with concerns from our members.
- Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's Report was read by the Secretary Joan McNaughton.
- Motion:** Moved by Joan McNaughton and seconded by Anne Kennedy, that the Auditor's Report be accepted and that they be retained for the next financial year. **Carried**
- Correspondence:** A brief outline of the correspondence was provided by the Secretary and the Chairman and members were invited to read the correspondence should they desire to do so.

Chairman: The Chairman, Kevin Duncan declared that all positions were now vacant and called for the election of a President and executive Committee.

President/Chairman

Motion: It was moved by Kerry Hanigan and seconded by Brian McMullen that Anne Kennedy continues in the role as President/Chairman.
Anne Kennedy accepted the position. **Carried**

Vice President

Motion: Anne Kennedy nominated that Geoff Nicolson be Vice President this was seconded by Neil Kennedy. **Carried**

Executive Committee and Representatives

Motion: It was moved by Robert Harris seconded by Sonya Marshall that the executive committee and representatives be as follows:-

North – David Officer and John Oats

South – Geoff Nicholson and Neil Kennedy

East – Sonya Marshall and Brian McMullen

West – Brian Lees

Private Bores – Anne Kennedy and Tony Pickard. **Carried**

Secretary/Treasurer/Public Officer

It was moved by Anne Kennedy and seconded by Robert Harris that J & K McNaughton continues to act in these positions. **Carried**

Membership Fees

Motion: It was moved by Kevin Duncan and second by Anne Kennedy that the membership fees for each Trust remain at \$100.00 and the fees for Private Bores are to be \$50.00. GST to be added to both. **Carried**

Trust Chairman Fees

Motion: Moved by Anne Kennedy and seconded by Sonya Marshall that the Chairman's Fees to remain at \$500.00 per annum. **Carried**

General Business:

Steve Cheal:

Steve addressed the meeting with an update of the Cap & Pipe Program into 2014. The cost of cap and piping projects were discussed and he was unable to foresee just how much funding will be available from State and Federal government to help with future projects after July 2014.

MOTION:

It was Moved by Sonya Marshall and second Anne Kennedy that letters be sent to NSW Government regarding the pressure savings as old bores are capped. Anne and Sonya are to construct a letter and pass onto the secretary and chairman for review.

Tony Pickard:

Tony addressed the meeting and told us that he still has damage occurring to his bores and the surrounding area from the chemicals that are being used in the mining process of coal seam gas. He spoke in depth of the chemicals and the volumes that remain that contain huge amount of contamination. Tony explained that he has had a lot of testing done that show just what chemicals remain in the area after the company's so called cleanup. The results have been quite alarming. Tony has recommended that members need to have their water tested and monitor the levels on a regular basis. More information is needed to find an independent testing firm and a complete list of what testing can be done along with the prices for these tests.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm

President/Chairman..... Secretary.....