

### From the Chair



Welcome to the November issue of the Theodore Water Newsletter.

Cotton season is back in full swing with planting almost complete. Significant flood harvest volumes earlier in the year meant plenty of allocation water remained available to allow a solid summer crop planting.

We have been lucky enough to make some carryover volumes available to irrigators and combined with an initial announced allocation of 22% is an excellent foundation for the season ahead. We wish all our irrigators the best for the summer season.

Malcolm Finlayson  
Chair

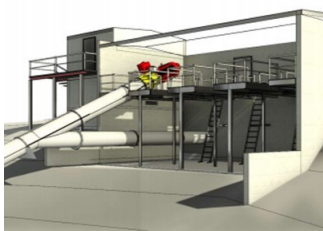
### MODERNISATION UPDATE

#### Pump Station

Tell Advisory has been appointed to project manage the Theodore Pump Station works.

Tell Advisory has been working through the design with the existing contractors to formulate a schedule to complete the works. This is progressing as quickly as possible.

Our initial timeframe is to commence works early in the new year and commissioning in August 2025. There are a few ducks to line up in terms of design and engineering support and contractor availability, however we are hopeful this is an achievable schedule.



#### Pipeline Review

Our review into the leaks of the pipeline continue and we are gathering more information as we expose and repair leaks.

Our team continues to repair leaks along the pipeline as they arise, and we thank them for their efforts and commitment in this less than ideal situation.

We are planning to internally pressure test individual joints within the pipeline to confirm the extent of the problem. This testing will provide information that's critical for assessing the viability of remediation options including joint seals, re-lining and replacement of the pipeline. None of these options are a cheap fix and we will weigh up effectiveness, costs, design life and disruption to the network before making an informed decision on remediation.

We thank you for your patience as we work through this process and understand the frustrations this causes.



#### Other Modernisation Items

An update on other modernisation projects as part of our Strategic Asset Management Plan. All precast components and meters are onsite for Hewitt's Crossing outlet, A1 Headwall, Letchford's Rd drain crossing and Anderson's outlet.

With lengthy delays in the production and delivery of precast materials and remaining allocations allowing irrigation to continue, it has been difficult to find windows to complete the works. We will continue to work with contractors and irrigators to facilitate the completion of these works and minimise disruption to supply.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the local Theodore Water Irrigator Directors: Peter French – 0428 166 634 Kirk Anderson – 0429 181 079



### DISTRIBUTION AND DRAINAGE AGREEMENTS

As has been previously advised, Theodore Water has conducted its review of the Distribution and Drainage Contracts. Some amendments were necessary to bring the contracts into line with the ASIC reforms on Unfair Contract Terms that were introduced on 9 November 2023. These contracts have been emailed and posted to all shareholders.

Thank you to those that have signed and returned your Distribution and Drainage Agreements. There are still quite a few that we have not received. We kindly ask that you carefully review the contract and, if everything is in order, sign where indicated. Once signed, please return directly to the Theodore Water Office in person, by post or pass onto one of our friendly irrigation staff.

A copy of the fully executed contracts will be returned to you once signed by the directors of Theodore Water.

Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. It is very important that Theodore Water complies with all relevant legislation that applies to our business.

### AGM AND CHRISTMAS BBQ

The date for Theodore Water's AGM is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The meeting will commence at 4pm at the Theodore Hotel Tea Rooms.

The meeting will be followed by a Christmas BBQ at the Theodore Water Depot. A formal notification of AGM and Christmas invitation has been emailed to all shareholders and irrigators.

Prior to the AGM, the Shareholder Advisory Group will meet and then make representation at the board meeting.

If there are any issues/suggestions you would like raised, please talk to your SAG representative, so these can be discussed at the meeting.

Your SAG representatives are Trevor Brownlie, Dan Austin, Mitch Anderson, Frank Van Bael and Andrew French.



Theodore Water Shareholders  
are invited to attend the

Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
to be held on  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
at  
4pm  
at the  
Hotel Theodore Tea Rooms

Please register your attendance by  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 with  
General Manager, Chris Watson at  
admin@theodorewater.com.au or 0488 767 688



WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR SHAREHOLDERS,  
CUSTOMERS, STAFF AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OUR

Christmas  
PARTY

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2024  
FROM 6.00PM

THEODORE WATER SHED

FOR CATERING PURPOSES, PLEASE LET THE THEODORE WATER OFFICE KNOW  
IF YOU CAN ATTEND BY WEEKENDS 20TH NOVEMBER  
PH: 45 999 102 E: OFFICE@THEODOREWATER.COM.AU



### SOME INTERESTING READS



**Weed Smart**—Management of weeds in irrigation channels.

<https://www.weedsmart.org.au/content/no-water-just-weeds-managing-weeds-in-irrigation-channels/>

**ICP Soil Wealth**—Silicon for crop health.

[https://soilwealth.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ICP\\_Siliconforcrophealth\\_FINAL.pdf](https://soilwealth.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ICP_Siliconforcrophealth_FINAL.pdf)



### FUN WATER FACT

Usually when solids form, atoms get closer together to form something denser. This is why most solids sink in water.

But solid water, or ice, is actually less dense. This is unusual. The water molecules form rings when water freezes. All that space makes ice less dense. This is why it floats.

This is great because ice floating on top of a body of water lets the rest of it stay liquid. If ice sank, whole oceans could freeze solid!

