

## From the Chair



Welcome to the May issue of the Theodore Water Newsletter.

Cotton harvest is well underway with mixed results. Unfortunately, significant rain and river rises in March resulted in some crop and yield loss in the area. The full extent of impacts on quality will become clearer once ginning of the later crop commences.

Global uncertainty and its impacts on fuel and fertiliser supply and prices is in the front of our minds and we wish everyone the best of luck navigating cropping decisions through this time.

## MODERNISATION UPDATE

### Pump Station

There has been significant positive progress with the pump station works and we are now in the final stages before commissioning in the coming weeks. All structural works are now complete, and the sound-proof panelling is now in place. Each of the pumps have been run individually up to capacity and are functioning as expected. Due to the relining works commencing, it was decided that full commissioning and handover of the pump station will be completed in late June.

This project has provided many challenges. We are very thankful to our main contractors, Verntec Consulting, Crighton's Engineering, Fluid Engineering and I2R for the experience and professionalism they have shown in getting this project through to where we are now.

We look forward to the capacity improvements and efficiencies this new infrastructure will provide to Theodore Water and our customers.



### A Pipeline

Following our review of Tenders for the A pipeline remediation, Interflow was selected as the preferred contractor to complete the relining works.

The war in the Middle East jeopardised the timing of the project with raw materials for manufacturing the pipe becoming more difficult to source. We were however able to secure a supply that was manufactured and delivered to Theodore.

Interflow has been onsite for several weeks and most of you will have noticed significant progress has been made. Preliminary works such as delivery and welding of pipes and service location was completed. The project schedule remains on track, and it is likely that the process of pulling the pipes will be completed around the 5<sup>th</sup> June.



Once this is complete, new junctions and fittings will be installed, hydrostatic pressure testing will be conducted, and backfilling of excavations will see the pipeline back in full service.

We understand that there is no convenient time to complete these works. The A pipeline is compromised with the leaks and must be repaired to ensure the longevity of the infrastructure, security of supply and safety to our staff and community.

Again, we thank you for your patience and particularly recognise the efforts of the Theodore Water staff in working through this situation. We are very much looking forward to putting the A-pipeline to the back of everyone's mind.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the local Theodore Water Irrigator Directors: Dan Austin – 0409 896 285 Kirk Anderson – 0429 181 079

## PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

### PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE NO SWIMMING – CHANNEL AREA

Community members are advised that a No Swimming sign is installed at C Channel near where it crosses 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, individuals have been observed swimming at this location.

The channel is part of critical infrastructure and presents significant safety hazards, including but not limited to:

- Unpredictable and rapidly changing water flows
- Strong currents and undertows
- Submerged debris and uneven surfaces
- Steep or unstable embankments
- Sudden changes in water depth

Swimming or entering the channel poses a serious risk of injury or drowning.

All residents and visitors are requested to:

- Observe and comply with all posted warning signs
- Refrain from swimming, wading, or entering the channel
- Supervise children at all times in the vicinity
- Report unsafe activity to the appropriate authorities

Your cooperation is appreciated in helping maintain a safe environment for the entire community.

For further information, please contact the Theodore Water Office: (07) 4599 9102

Issued by:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND SOME INTERESTING READS



### Theodore Water - Upcoming Events

Theodore Water Board Meeting - The next onsite board meeting will be held Theodore on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

Theodore Water Shed Meeting - Our normal shed meeting will follow the board meeting at 4pm. An invitation and further reminders will be sent prior to the date. We welcome your attendance and input at this meeting.

<https://www.theodorewater.com.au>



### GRDC (Grains Research & Development Corporation) - Interesting Reads

Upcoming Updates and Events - Published June 01, 2026

<https://grdc.com.au/events/list?collection=grdc~sp-grdc&form=web&profile=grdc-upcoming-updates-and-events&sort=adate>

## FUN WATER FACT

It's not a myth that camels can survive for up to seven months without drinking, but do they really store it in their humps? As it turns out, a camel's hump is for fat storage, not water storage. Therefore, assuming that a camel isn't both thirsty and hungry, it will still have its full hump even on month six without drinking water.

Although scientists used to assume that camels stored water in their stomachs (camels have three of them), more recent studies show that camels don't hold water anywhere on their bodies. Instead, they can drink up to 100 litres of water at a time. After that point, their bodies are efficient at preventing water from exiting too quickly.

For example, a camel's fur blocks the sun and prevents it from losing too much sweat. Furthermore, a camel's tiny blood cells mean that its blood can continue circulating throughout its body even when its blood be-

