

# NEWSLETTER

# JUNE 17

## UPCOMING DATES

Board Meeting Dates

23 - 24 July 2017

26 October 2017

## BOARD CONTACT DETAILS

Malcolm Finlayson	CHAIR	0409 765 200
Peter French	DEPUTY CHAIR	0428 166 634
Kirk Anderson	DIRECTOR	0429 181 079
Greg Austin	DIRECTOR	0409 931 614
Sarah Cox	DIRECTOR	0418 152 859
Ed Donohue	DIRECTOR	0418 154 914



## From the Chair

This newsletter starts with good news on the official appointment of Sarah Cox to the board of Theodore Water. Sarah is a local based near Cracow who will be a great asset to the board with her background in media and communications. While Sarah was officially appointed last month, she has been an observer of the board meetings since January and has been working with your team to familiarise herself with local irrigation and issues. More information on Sarah is available below.

The board met with local SunWater staff last month to introduce themselves and begin building the relationship that will be a vital part of a successful transition to local management. All but one staff member was able to attend the meeting which provided an opportunity for the Board to address any questions or issues from the SunWater team concerning the proposed changes. Likewise it enabled the Board to draw on the team's invaluable knowledge and experience to discuss possible changes and seek suggestions on areas of improvement.

The board is continuing its comprehensive due diligence on the transition and has begun preparing the business case to present to existing and future shareholders. The board will convene information sessions with locals and irrigators as soon as the business case is finalised.

Malcolm Finlayson – Chair

### Meet our New Director – Sarah Cox

Sarah comes to the Board with local community experience and involvement and also a breadth of skills in communications Sarah owns and operates an 11,000 hectare beef cattle enterprise near Cracow in partnership with her husband Richard and two school aged children Edward and Johanna. With a background in rural journalism, she spent many years working for Rural Press (Fairfax) publications Queensland Country Life, Australian Farm Journal, Australian Cotton Outlook, Queensland Graingrower and the Queensland Farmer and Grazier. As a senior rural reporter based on the Darling Downs and Central Highlands, she covered issues such as irrigation development and sustainability, grain and cotton research and development, soil fertility, sustainable cropping systems, industry viability and conservation farming practices.

Sarah currently works as a senior account director with Cox Inall Communications - Australia's leading public relations agency working in the agribusiness and natural resource management sectors – and helps manage media relations and external communications for the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)'s northern region.



## YOUR FAQs

### Are we locked in to LMA?

We are still in the Transition Phase of the project. In this phase Theodore Water Pty Ltd is conducting Due Diligence on the recent offer from the Government.

Once the Due Diligence is complete there will be a public consultation where all stakeholders will get an opportunity to express their levels of support for the transition to local management arrangements under Theodore Water Pty Ltd.

Support by local customers remains a requirement for transition.

### Is this for all SunWater Customers?

No, this project only effects those non-bulk water customers on the Theodore Irrigation Scheme.

### When does the offer expire?

The deadline for community support and transition of the assets to Theodore Water Pty Ltd is 01 July 2018.

### How will Theodore Water be governed and how will customers be involved in decisions?



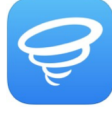


Theodore Water will be a Company limited by Shares. After transition the Shareholders in the company will be the customers. A revised constitution and Board will be put in place. Typically the Shareholders will have the ability to approve the Business Plan and then delegate to the Board for its implementation.

The rights of all shareholders will be protected by key voting activities in the constitution and a committee to allow issues to be raised with the Board.

Have more questions? Please get in touch – [admin@theodorewater.com.au](mailto:admin@theodorewater.com.au).

## 5 top Apps for water users

For this newsletter we have searched the internet high and low and pulled together 5 Apps for Water Users.

	<p>Climo is a suite of climate analysis tools delivered on the Web, iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch devices. The App allows you to interrogate climate records (over the last 60 yrs) to ask a number of questions relating to rainfall, temperature, radiation, as well as derived variables such as heat sums, soil water and soil nitrate.</p>
	<p>Yr is a service from the Norwegian Meteorological Institute and NRK that many Australians have turned to for its reliability and accuracy in predicting weather in Australia</p>
	<p>The Willy Weather app features BoM radar and satellite information ensuring accurate wind, tide, swell and UV forecasts, moon phases and sunrise/ sunset. 7 day forecasts, Radar, and Satellite are a few features.</p>
	<p>The Yield Free Grower's App delivers public weather data from a grower's perspective. It provides all the growing conditions you need, and nothing you don't, from water balance, evapotranspiration (ETo) and rainfall to humidity and wind activity.</p>
	<p>Weed ID: The Ute Guide application is designed to assist growers in the identification of the most common weeds found in paddocks throughout Australia.</p>

*Did you know...*

*There are 46 Kms of pipes and channels in the Theodore Irrigation Scheme?*