

### From the Chair



Welcome to another edition of the Theodore Water Newsletter.

Greg Austin resigned as a director in September for health reasons. We will miss his involvement with the company and sincerely appreciate his efforts over his many years of service. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Bron Christensen has also resigned as company secretary to pursue other opportunities. Although, we are disappointed to lose Brons' skills, we wish her well in her future endeavors. It proved quite a task to source a local replacement for Bron, however we are pleased to advise that Lillian Pugh from Discovery Coast Bookkeeping has been appointed as company secretary and we welcome her to the team.

I look forward to returning to Theodore for our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party in November and catching up with everyone in person then.

Malcolm Finlayson  
Chair

### MODERNISATION UPDATE

The new pipeline is now operational, however some leaks have been identified during the commissioning phase.

Theodore Water is working closely with project management to rectify these issues ensuring minimal disruption to supply and rectification prior to irrigation demand increasing.

We thank you for your patience throughout this process and commend Peter, Tim, Jacob and Dan as well as Peter Shoecraft for their help in facilitating these repairs.

In late October, the piers and cross members were installed for the new Theodore pump station.



We appreciate the efforts of Peter Geddes and his team at Hunter Wharf and Barge and their professionalism to efficiently complete the works without delay.

Building works are in the final planning stages.

Following the tender process, Frank Van Bael and Top End Carpentry and Construction Services have been appointed as joint contractors for the building works. It is welcome that we had a local business place a tender and Theodore Water is very excited to have Frank involved in the contracted works.

Further updates will be provided moving forward, currently March 2024 is the likely timeframe for the switch over to our new Theodore pump station.



*In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the local Theodore Water Irrigator Directors: Peter French – 0428166634 Kirk Anderson – 0429181079*

### OFFERING OF TEMPORARY TRADE — LOSS ALLOWANCE

With the 2022/23 water year now complete and carryover allocations announced, we have reviewed our distribution efficiency which remains in a favorable position. This has allowed our Board of Directors to authorise the offer of 350ML of loss allowance for temporary trade to Shareholders for the 2022-2023 water year.

Arrangements for temporary trade will be as per our previous offer process. A letter of offer has been emailed to all shareholders and requests must be submitted no later than 2pm on Wednesday 25th October 2023 by emailing [peter.tweed@theodorewater.com.au](mailto:peter.tweed@theodorewater.com.au) or visiting the Theodore Water Office and completing the required form.



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date for Theodore Water's AGM has been set as Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The meeting will commence at 4pm at the Theodore Hotel Tearooms. The meeting will be followed by a Christmas party at the Theodore Water Depot, with Peter, Tim, Jacob and Dan wearing their catering outfits for the evening. A formal notification of AGM and Christmas invitation has been emailed to all shareholders.

**THEODORE Water**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Theodore Water Shareholders are invited to attend the shareholders' Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 4pm at the Hotel Theodore Tea Rooms

Please register your attendance with General Manager, Chris Watson at [admin@theodorewater.com.au](mailto:admin@theodorewater.com.au) or 0488 767 688

**THEODORE Water**  
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR SHAREHOLDERS, STAFF AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OUR ANNUAL Christmas PARTY

24TH NOVEMBER 2023 FROM 6.00PM  
THEODORE WATER SHED

FOR CATERING PURPOSES, PLEASE LET THE THEODORE WATER OFFICE KNOW. IF YOU CAN ATTEND BY WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER. PH: 45 999 102 E: [OFFICE@THEODOREWATER.COM.AU](mailto:OFFICE@THEODOREWATER.COM.AU)

### PRICING

Currently SunWater is evaluating irrigation costs and future pricing, with review through The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). In November the QCA review will be complete and pricing recommendations for period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029 announced.

With this in mind, it remains a goal for Theodore Water to maintain our pricing at existing levels moving forward and to continually seek efficiencies and alternate sources of revenue to achieve this while also delivering on capital improvements.

### QUEENSLAND BUSINESS ENERGY SAVING AND TRANSFORMATION REBATES

If you are not aware of this recently announced scheme, please read below as you could be eligible for rebates.

*The Queensland Business Energy Saving and Transformation (QBEST) Rebates scheme provides rebates to eligible small and medium-sized Queensland businesses to install energy-efficient equipment.*

*The energy-efficient equipment you purchase and install must reduce the energy consumption and lower energy bills of your business, as well as contribute to the Queensland Government's carbon reduction targets.*

For further information refer to the below link.

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/energy-business/energy-efficiency-rebate>

### PARTRIDGE DRIVE

We are currently working with Banana Shire Council on land tenure in Partridge Drive and potentially dedicating as a road reserve. Negotiations will allow our interests to be maintained on the reserve, while also allowing significant upgrades to take place along Partridge Drive to divert heavy vehicle traffic off the main street.

We look forward to a positive outcome for all stakeholders and the local community with these negotiations.

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

<https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2023/11/spot-spraying-technology-field-day-biloela>

<https://grdc.com.au/events/list?etype=grains-research-update>

[Dawson\\_Valley\\_Water\\_Supply\\_Scheme\\_Irrigation\\_Price\\_Path\\_presentation.pdf \(sunwater.com.au\)](https://www.sunwater.com.au/Dawson_Valley_Water_Supply_Scheme_Irrigation_Price_Path_presentation.pdf)

### FUN WATER FACT

There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!

