



Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative Limited

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2015/16 Budget and Water Charges

In this Newsletter we cover the following areas:

- **2015/16 Budget and Water Charges**
- **Announced Allocation for 2015/16 is 100%**
- **New Employee—Albert Petersen**

The Board has adopted the budget for 2015/2016 and set the water charges for the year. The announcement by the Queensland Competition Authority that there is to be no increase to transitional electricity tariffs for 2015/16 is very welcome news. We still maintain that overall electricity costs are too high but no increase for this year does provide some respite.

This means that there will be only very modest increases to water charges this year and will be in the range of 1.5% to 3.3%. There is an increase in overall administration costs of \$0.21 per megalitre and SunWater Bulk Water Charge of \$0.40 per megalitre. The other increase is in the three pumped schemes where we are to undertake full servicing of all submersible pumps. This is an important part of our maintenance program and is done every 2 to 3 years depending on how many hours run by the pumps. The increases in those areas for the pump servicing are \$0.73, \$0.85 and \$2.22 per megalitre for Palmyra, Silver/McGregor and Septimus respectively.

The Board is very pleased that it is able to restrain increases in water charges during these difficult financial times and continues to scrutinise all of the expenditure areas in the business.

The table below shows the 2015/16 charges for all areas.

Area	Access Charge \$/ML	Usage Charge \$/ML	Loan Levy Charge \$/ML
Riparian	33.10	2.85	18.60
Palmyra	42.50	28.70	23.00
Silver/McGregor			
Pipeline	40.50	36.15	27.40
Creek	40.50	36.15	23.00
Septimus	49.05	46.40	27.40
Palm Tree Creek			
Pipeline	45.50	6.70	36.20
Cattle Creek	36.50	3.95	23.00

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For Non-members of Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative enclosed with this Newsletter is the Schedule of Service Charges that will apply for 2015/2016. This is in accordance with the supply contract between the Co-operative and Non-members. The Service Charges do not apply to Co-operative members.

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Announced Allocation 2014/2015

With Teemburra Dam at 87% of capacity, Announced Allocation for the 2015/2016 Water Year has been set at 100% from 1 July. This means again that Streamflow Allocation Periods will not need to be declared during the 2015/2016 Water Year.

New employee - Albert Petersen

The Board is pleased to welcome Albert Petersen into the position of Operations Officer. Albert has a background in water monitoring and environmental sampling and has worked in the mining and gas fields. He also has worked with remote control systems similar to those we use. He has relocated to Mackay from Brisbane and will receive training in the operation of the scheme over the next few months.

Our Manager, John will commence long service leave in mid-September leading up to his retirement next year.

