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Nominations Called for Active Member Director



Independent Director Clive Desbois (left) and Active Member Director Stephen Russell (below), are due to retire this year (by rotation) from the Board of Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative Limited (PVWater).

Clive was appointed to the Boards of Pioneer Valley Water Board (PVWB) and Pioneer valley Water Co-operative Limited (PVWater) in 2003, and has provided invaluable guidance for over 13 years at both a corporate and administrative level, particularly with regard to management of financial arrangements. Clive has indicated that he will be withdrawing his availability for re-appointment, but has offered to remain until a suitable replacement is able to shoulder the role.

Steve was initially elected to the Boards of both PVWB and PVWater in 2009, and has been a strong advocate on behalf of irrigators, working to maximise the benefits of irrigation in the Pioneer Valley. On this occasion, Steve has advised that he does not intend to nominate for re-election.



Steve's retirement creates a vacancy on the Board of PVWater, and is an opportunity for any Member of PVWater to become more intimately involved with shaping the future direction of the organisation. We encourage those Members with a desire to contribute, and a passion for irrigation in the Pioneer Valley, to nominate for election to the Board.

Nominations for the role of Active Member Director will be accepted up until close of business at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st, 2016. Forms for Nomination are available from PVWater's Offices in Mackay.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Members, to thank Clive and Steve for their commitment to irrigation in the Pioneer Valley over the intervening years, and to wish both all the best into the future.

2016-17 (second to fourth quarter) Water Charges

Since commencement of operations in 1997-1998, a Levy Charge has been raised through water charges to pay back initial funding borrowed from Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) equivalent to around *one-third* of the 1996 replacement value of Pioneer Valley Irrigation Scheme infrastructure. That infrastructure now has a 2015 replacement value of around two-and-a-half times what it was in 1996 and, with the recent dissolution of PVWB, is *wholly* owned by Members.

In 2001-2002, to assist irrigators coping with low returns, QTC allowed PVWB to split the existing "construction" loan into two loans: A "non-deferred" loan, which continued on the original loan path; and a "deferred" loan, which allowed irrigators to defer four quarterly payments in exchange for an extended loan duration.

In 2004, once again in recognition of industry cash-flow pressures, the Board of PVWB adopted a strategy of holding charges for renewals funding well below full annuity levels until scheme "construction" loans were paid out. This strategy has been maintained by the Board over the intervening 12 years.

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Changes to Water Charges
from second quarter 2016-
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The Levy Charge (refer Table A, below), was last invoiced for irrigators on the “non-deferred” loan path, in the second quarter of 2013-2014 when that loan was paid out. The last invoice for the Levy Charge for irrigators on the “deferred” loan path was invoiced in the first quarter of this water year.

The joint Boards of PVWater and Pioneer Valley Water Mutual Co-operative Limited (PVMutual) have now determined water charges for the second to fourth quarters of 2016-2017, (refer Table B, below). The Levy Charge has been removed altogether from water charges from the commencement of the second quarter. Adjusted charges for renewals are incorporated in the Access Charge, and will be reviewed annually as part of normal budget considerations.

Table A—Outgoing charges : 2016-2017 Water Charges (showing outgoing Levy Charge)

Irrigation Area	Access Charge \$ / MI (p.a)	Usage Charge \$ / MI (p.a)	Levy Charge \$ /MI (p.a.)
Palm Tree Creek Cattle Creek Pipeline	37.55	4.00	23.00
	46.75	6.80	36.20
Palmyra	42.95	31.55	23.00
Riparian	34.15	2.90	18.60
Septimus	47.95	51.10	27.40
Silver McGregor Creeks Pipeline	40.70	39.85	23.00
	40.70	39.85	27.40

Table B—Incoming charges : 2016-2017 (second to fourth quarters) Water Charges

Irrigation Area	Access Charge \$ / MI (p.a)	Usage Charge \$ / MI (p.a)	Levy Charge \$ /MI (p.a.)
Palm Tree Creek Cattle Creek Pipeline	43.55	4.00	-
	65.80	6.80	-
Palmyra	53.10	31.55	-
Riparian	38.92	2.90	-
Septimus	61.40	51.10	-
Silver McGregor Creeks Pipeline	50.87	39.85	-
	54.15	39.85	-