

Board Meeting: 7 June 2011:

A SUMMARY

The June Board meeting was held at UGL's Soldier's Hill site, with observers Bill Gitsham from UGL Rail (who co-hosted a pre-meeting tour) and Jim Cosgriff, from the newly formed Committee for Echuca-Moama.

The Board congratulated Jim Cosgriff for initiatives to form Committee for Echuca-Moama and welcomed his positive observations on Committee for Ballarat's work

Strategy

- The Board adopted a 2011-2012 Action Plan derived from the Key Issues process with members, including workshops with Executive and Corporate Gold members. Initiatives in **employment** and **connectivity** were enthusiastically supported by the Board and these will be scoped. Existing projects and programs remain well supported. A launch for members and key stakeholders will be held on 12 July.
- The Board will hold a strategic directions workshop early in 2012, as a five-year complement to the annual Key Issues review.

Organisational/Staffing Matters

- New structural and organisational arrangements for Leadership Ballarat and Western Region's integration with Committee were approved, following recommendations from the LBWR Management Committee and Finance Audit and Risk Management sub-committee. The CEO, in consultation with the LBWR team, will commence implementation immediately.
- An *ad hoc* sub-committee, formed to manage aspects of recruitment for the CEO's succession in 2012, was authorised to act on its plan and report to the Board at strategic points in the process.
- An *ad hoc* sub-committee on a 'search' for a candidate to fill the Chair Elect position will continue its work, including discussing with potential candidates of the Board.
- Members thanked Bill Wood for an outstanding period on the Board as the Chair of LBWR's Management Committee, and welcomed Lynne McLennan as the incoming Chair of the LBWR Committee.

Finance

- The Board welcomed and accepted a report demonstrating that Committee and LBWR's finances are tracking well compared with budgets and sound with respect to reserves.
- The Board noted that the closer integration of Committee and LBWR will result in a revised integrated budget for 2011-2012.
- The Board welcomed a report that discussions to secure a larger State government contributions to LBWR are progressing well. It authorised the continuation of negotiations.
- A risk management plan for LBWR was adopted.

Membership

- The Board welcomed memberships for: Integra Land Pty Ltd, Nick Grylewicz; Goldacres Trading Pty Ltd, John Richards; and Red Lion Hotel, David Canny. It noted a change of membership from Corporate to Small Business for Leonard Wood, Bill Wood.
- A By-Law for Leaders in Action members was approved.
- A proposal for the development of an Executive Assistants' network for Committee members received enthusiastic support from the Board.

Projects/Activities

- The Board requested that the Chair and CEO discuss plans for the Civic Plaza development with the Mayor and CEO, City of Ballarat.

- The Chair commented on the success of the Chair's Lunch as a function for Executive Members. He offered again a warm thank you to Matthew Gill for a challenging and stimulating address and to Sovereign Hill for providing an outstanding venue.

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