

# SGRF AGENDA

## Meeting no. 56

9.00am, Friday 7 February 2025  
Online via MS Teams

*'We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting.  
We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities  
who may be here today.'*



**Southern  
Rural Water**

Managing Water. Serving Communities.

# Our Vision

Great value for customers and community through excellence in rural water management



## Our Trademark Values

We are Always Safe and Accountable working as One Team to deliver a lasting Legacy.

# Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum member locations



# **Southern Rural Water's Groundwater and Rivers Strategic Focus Areas**

**June 2024 – June 2025**

There are five strategic focus areas for SRW in the Groundwater and Rivers area over the next 12 months:

1. Continued advocacy for sustainable access to water for irrigators via the implementation of GM2030, policy reforms in surface water management and key stakeholder groups.
2. Continue to encourage a flexible trading market through improved internal procedures and Government policies.
3. Provide more real time information for customers on water usage following the integration of meter reading data with mySRW portal to improve decision making.
4. Undertake more detailed water resource assessment across our systems through investment of unregulated water sales funds and the continuation of the Supply/Demand projects.
5. Understanding the implications of rapidly evolving cultural water policy on customer aspirations for improved access to water.

An update on what SRW is doing in relation to these focus areas is provided in the Groundwater and Rivers Update at each meeting.

# Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum

## Meeting 56

Date	Time	Location
7 February 2025	9.00am – 12.00pm	Online via MS Teams

Topic			
1		Acknowledgement of County	Chair
2		Welcome and Apologies	Chair
3		Declaration of conflicts of interest	All
4		Confirmation of minutes – Meeting 55	Chair
	4.1	Attachment – Draft Minutes SGRF Meeting 55, 15 November 2024	
5		Business Arising	Chair
	5.1	Attachment - Business arising from previous meetings	
6		Communications report	
	6.1	SRW Factsheets summary	
7		<b><u>PRINCIPAL MATTERS – FOR DISCUSSION</u></b>	
	7.1	Seasonal outlook in your area	All
8		<b><u>PRINCIPAL MATTERS – FOR NOTING</u></b>	
	8.1	Groundwater and Rivers update	Penny Winbanks
	8.2	Government response to drought conditions in the south-west	Penny Winbanks
9		<b><u>COMMITTEE MATTERS</u></b>	
	9.1	Focus Area's for SGRF leading into 2026 Corporate Plan	Penny Winbanks
	9.2	Customer Committee Code of Conduct	
	9.3	Important issues from other customer committees	Cameron FitzGerald
	9.4	Matters referred to the Board/board committee	Jane Doolan

	9.5	2025 Committee workplan	
<b>10</b>		<b><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u></b>	All
<b>11</b>		Meeting evaluation	
<b>12</b>		Next meeting	
<b>13</b>		Close	12.00pm

Item No: 1

Subject: **Acknowledgement of Country**

*'We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.'*

---

Item No: 2

Subject: **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair will welcome attendees and note any apologies for this meeting.

---

Item No: 3

Subject: **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The Chair will ask forum members to declare any conflicts of interest relating to the business of this meeting.

---

Item No: 4  
Subject: Confirmation of minutes – Meeting 55  
Action: For approval  
Author: Hayley Taylor – Executive Assistant  
Date: 29/01/2025

---

## PURPOSE

1. To ensure that the minutes taken of committee meeting 55 are an accurate and sufficient record of discussions held and decisions made at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the committee approves the minutes of meeting 55 held on Friday 15 November 2024.

## PREVIOUS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

2. Minutes are confirmed at each committee meeting.

## BACKGROUND

3. Draft minutes are circulated after each committee meeting. Any suggested changes are captured as track changes, for consideration and confirmation at the following meeting.

## REPORT

4. Draft minutes of meeting 55, held face to face in Melbourne, on Friday 15 November 2025 are provided in attachment 4.1.
5. **Budget impact:** Nil
6. **Link to strategy:** Nil.
7. **Risk:** Committee meeting minutes are a public record and may be subject to release under Freedom of Information. Directors should ensure that minutes accurately and appropriately reflect the discussion and decisions of the meeting.

## NEXT STEPS

Who	Action
Meeting Secretary	Once confirmed, the minutes will be saved in Southern Rural Water's document management system and Southern Rural Water's Website.



## Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum

### Minutes of Meeting 55

Date	Time	Location
15 November 2024	9:30am	The Hub - 555 Collins ExChange, Melbourne

#### Present

Mr Ross Ingram	Chair
Mr Bruce Vallance	Forum Member/Deputy Chair
Mr Daniel Hammond	Forum Member
Mr Steven Marshall	Forum Member
Mr Norm Drew	Forum Member
Mr Kevin Stark	Forum Member
Mr Matt Zagami	Forum Member

#### In Attendance

Mr Cameron FitzGerald	Managing Director, SRW
Mr Michael Browne	Board Director, SRW
Ms Kylie Steel	Board Director, SRW
Mr Anthony Scarff	Board Director, SRW
Ms Hayley Taylor	Executive Assistant, SRW (minutes)

#### Apologies

Dr Jane Doolan	Board Director, SRW
Mr Matt Gleeson	Forum Member
Mr Daniel Toohey	Forum Member
Mr Simon Wilkinson	General Manager Service Delivery, SRW
Ms Penny Winbanks	Manager Statutory Functions, SRW

#### Guests

Mr Matthew Hudson	Principal Hydrogeologist, SRW
Mr Clinton Hartley	Strategy and Business Advisor
Mr Terry Flynn	Manager Water Resources Strategy

## 1. Acknowledgement of County

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

## 2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and noted the apologies. All attendees introduced themselves.

## 3. Declaration of conflicts of interest

The Chair asked attendees to declare any conflicts of interest relating to the business of this meeting.

There were no new conflicts raised by SGRF members.

Mr Michael Brown, SRW Board Director, declared a potential conflict relating to agenda item 6.4 Small Farm Dam's project update, due to his secondment to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

## 4. Confirmation of minutes – Meeting 54

The minutes of meeting 54 held on 2 August 2024 were **approved**.

**Moved:** Daniel Hammond     **Second:** Norm Drew

## 5. Business Arising

The report was taken as read. The status comments and items to be discussed during the meeting were noted.

## 6. PRINCIPLE MATTERS – for discussion

### 6.1 Roundtable discussion – regional highlights, issues and opportunities.

The members participated in a roundtable discussion where they provided insights into regional highlights, issues and opportunities in their area.

#### Mr Steven Marshall – Mornington Peninsula

- Due to no/minimal rain there is not enough water across the Peninsula for the season. It is a 'green drought', with no runoff from rainfall to soak the ground. Farmers are using heavy mulch, and some are using mains water which is expensive.
- The priority for Mr Marshall is advocating to get recycled water into the area but nothing has progressed from a feasibility study that was commissioned identifying the opportunities in the area.
- Landholders are looking at drilling bores to access water, but water is generally salty.
- Avocado prices are low at the moment, and wine grapes have been affected through disease and poor flowering.

- There has been a lot of properties changing ownership due to land tax rules, and with changing ownership come a lack of understanding around the rules of taking and using water.
- There are sleeper licences in the area, that if utilised would bring more water into production, but lack of understanding around trade, and trade rules limits trade options. Field Officers relationships with landowners is crucial to generating trade.

#### Mr Bruce Vallance – South West Limestone

- There is a stock water shortage in the area, with dams not being filled.
- The Government has responded through a Drought Hub, but farmers need to develop their own drought resilience plans.
- Water is available in aquifers, but access is limited due to sleeper licences, and an unwillingness to trade. As part of the GM2030 project is looking at trade options.
- A recent Food and Fibre Great South Coast meeting was attended by a representative from the timber industry, who indicated an appetite for fair rules for all water users.
- It has been documented that timber plantations are impacting run-off in the region.
- Work needs to be undertaken to clearly define the differences between stock and domestic and commercial water rights.

#### Mr Norm Drew – Thomson River

- Working with SRW on enhancements to the flood warden system, to provide prior warning of a flood event.
- Periods of high demand in the MID have seen delivery delays. To overcome this, SRW needs to look at ways to improve the system. Delays are exacerbated where there is high allocation, with little use late in the season and when irrigators cancel orders at the last minute.
- The distribution of water savings had previously been restricted to irrigators in the MID and Mr Drew reminded the committee that the Thomson, Macalister is one regulated district. The Managing Director highlighted the water sales held during his time at SRW had been open auctions available to all eligible irrigators, and this will continue into the future.

#### Mr Daniel Hammond – Mitchell River and Wy Yung GW

- The region is experiencing dry conditions and river restrictions are expected. This is different to the last three to four years where the river was not placed on restriction so irrigators may need to be reminded of the rules and rosters need to be reviewed as properties have changed hands.
- It was **agreed** SRW would review rosters and distribute communications around what river restrictions mean.

#### Mr Matt Zagami – Wairewa / Snowy River

- There is a lot of focus from government in the area, due to the closure of the timber industry, including a focus on agriculture and transitioning the timber workers into the industry.
- The Chamber of Commerce recently completed a study on water trading in the area, with the study finding there is an issue with visibility of licence holders, and recommendations were made on how to stimulate trade.
- It was reported that only approximately 24% of the allocation in the area was being used.
- In dry years, water below the bridge at Orbost becomes salty and cannot be used. To ensure sustainability and productivity in the area in times of drought, irrigators may need to be encouraged to consider on-farm storages, and winterfill licences.
- Upstream trade rules can and are also inhibiting production opportunities, and Mr Zagami encouraged SRW to advocate for access to the water, and for trade rules that support production.
- To support trade, irrigators would like to see SRW's trading platform expanded to other areas.
- Public access to the Water Register was discussed, and the committee advised that during consultation to make the register public, feedback from licences holders was that they did not want to receive unsolicited calls to trade water.

#### Mr Kevin Stark – Border Zone Groundwater

- There are lots of timber plantations coming into the area from South Australia.
- Groundwater recharging and run-off is being impacted and water levels have dropped and there is a lot of money being spent in the area to reach deeper aquifers. Irrigators are expecting zero recharge this year as it has been a dry winter. SRW was encouraged to advocate for licencing water use for plantations.
- It was reported this season has been the driest since 1967, with farmers having to buy in hay. The area experienced a dry winter, a good spring, and now the area is drying out again. Domestic and stock dams have not filled.
- Mr Stark noted that he would like to see a Groundwater user appointed to SRW's board. The Managing Director discussed the process of board appointments and encouraged anyone interested to apply when the next opportunity arises in early 2025.

#### Mr Ross Ingram – Mitchell River

- Raised an issue of poor record keeping by SRW where water was issued incorrectly to a property, and it appears to be an issue with title information. It was **agreed** to take the issue offline and SRW will follow-up directly.
- Mitchell River Management Review – irrigators are raising concerns that they will lose the ability to purchase Sales Water, and the Sustainable Water Strategy project that is looking into this matter needs to engage with all irrigators as soon as possible, to fully understand how much Sales Water is being used and who relies on it. It was **agreed** this information would be

passed onto the project team to action. Management provided an overview of the review, noting that it is as a result of an action in the Central Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy. This process, of irrigators being able to purchase water exceed their licence allocation, while within policy, is an anomaly in the way water is managed elsewhere across the state.

Mr Cameron FitzGerald, Managing Director provided a summary back to the committee of the items discussed and actions SRW is taking to advocate for customers:

#### Policy:

- Water licencing of the timber industry is becoming a significant issue. SRW will continue to advocate for fair and equitable access for all water users.
- Upstream trading rules are inhibiting trade in some areas, and there may be opportunities for a risk-based policy approach to trading rules.
- Consideration should be given to shifting winterfill licences to licences for high flow periods of take.

#### Recycled Water:

- Focus on expanding access to recycled water:
  - Pakenham Scheme for Koo Wee Rup
  - Recycled Water to Werribee from the Western Treatment Plant
  - SRW will continue to advocate for water from the Eastern Treatment Plant to be made available for irrigators.

#### Macalister Irrigation Area:

- Continue to work to improve the flood warden system
- Progress the project to improve the ordering system in the district to reduce impacts to customers during periods of high demand.

#### Mitchell River

- Ensure all customers are engaged proactively in the Sustainable Water Strategy project.

#### It was **agreed** that SRW will:

- Proactively communicate to customers rostering and river restriction information.
- Educate and encourage water trading with a focus on sleeper licences.
- Develop communications on how to access Winterfill flows.
- Will support information flow and communication to customers in regard to the recommendations from the Snowy River Chamber of Commerce Report.
- Review customer records to understand the issue raised with water being allocated to incorrect titles.

- Understand trends in Sales Water volumes and engage with irrigators for the Mitchell River Management Review.

Action	Action Officer	Due Date
Proactively communicate to customers rostering and river restriction information	R. TOMLIN	13/12/2024
Develop communications on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to access Winterfill flows,</li> <li>• Educating and encouraging water trading with a focus on sleeper licences</li> </ul>	P. WINBANKS	13/12/2024
Review customer records to understand the issue raised with water being allocated to incorrect titles.	P. WINBANKS	29/12/2024
Understand trends in Sales Water volumes and engage with irrigators for the Mitchell River Management Review.	T. FLYNN	13/12/2024

## 6.2 Groundwater and Rivers update

The report was taken as read.

The committee inquired as to how the name 3/4 Bench came to be. The Managing Director explained it originated from the name of the coal seam that the water was allocated to which was originally intended to support future coal fired power generation in the Latrobe Valley.

## 6.3 Compliance Uplift update

Mr Cameron FitzGerald provided an update of SRW's compliance uplift including an update on current catchment based investigations, the new Groundwater and Rivers team structure which supports the compliance uplift, and a case study on a recent prosecution. He upon discussion with the committee it was highlighted:

- The budget for costs associated with matters before VCAT or legal costs come from SRW's licence fees.
- Fines do not cover costs associated with investigating compliance matters, but for area's that have been identified as required intensive monitoring, an intensive management fee can be applied, and these are considered through the price submission process.
- As part of the role, SRW's Drilling Inspector assesses licensing applications, marks tests and is the SRW is the secretariat of the Drillers Licencing Board.

## 6.4 Small Farm Dams – project update

Mr Matthew Hudson, Principal Hydrogeologist, SRW provided an update on the Small Farms Dam project highlighting:

- The project is formally known as the Moorabool and Maribyrnong Water Resources Project.
- The project is funded by DEECA with the scope to:
  - To identify the extent and impact of unlicensed take in the Moorabool and Maribyrnong catchments,
  - To engage with the community and stakeholders,
  - To assess the risk to the key catchment values including cultural values, environmental values and economic values (users),
  - To incorporate an assessment of climate change, and
  - To identify and report on potential management improvements
- Alluvium and HARC consultants have been appointed to deliver the project
- A stakeholder reference group has been established consisting of representatives from Traditional Owner Groups, farmers, residents, environmental groups and government stakeholders. The first meeting of the group will be held on 10 December 2024.
- The next phase of the project will work to understand water use and identify catchment values.

The committee thanked Mr Hudson for the presentation.

### 6.5 Trade Platform – project update

Mr Clinton Hartley, Strategy and Business Advisor provided an update on SRW's Trade Platform project highlighting:

- The options considered when choosing an appropriate trading platform,
- The work undertaken to identify rules around trading including identification of aquifers and developing a matrix to support trades. This matrix will assist WaterPartners to undertake a pre-assessment of potential trades. This assessment will consider trading rules and a risk assessment. For trades deemed to be possible the information will then be provided to SRW to process.
- A trial for groundwater trading will commence for S51 licence holders in the South West Limestone shortly. Depending on the results of the trial, SRW will then look to roll out the trading platform to other areas of the state.

The committee thanked Mr Hartley for the presentation.

### 6.6 Distribution options for water from 3/4 Bench

Mr Terry Flynn, Manager Water Resources Strategy, provided an update on distribution options for water from the 3/4 Bench highlighting:

- Modelling will be completed to determine the total volume that could be sustainably licenced.
- SRW will also work with other stakeholders to determine the cost share of the management of Blue Rock.
- SRW is working closely with GLaWAC, and VEWH and DEECA to finalise waters haring arrangements.

The Chair recommended suitability studies to access the water for irrigation are completed prior to the sale of water.

The committee thanked Mr Flynn for the presentation.

## 7. PRINCIPLE MATTERS – FOR NOTING

### 7.1 Communications Report

The report was taken as read.

## 8. COMMITTEE MATTERS

### 8.1 Important issues from other customer committees

Mr Cameron FitzGerald, Managing Director, SRW advised:

The recent MCCC meeting focused on:

- how to best manage the operation of the system during periods of high demand ensuring fair access to water for all irrigators.
- the sale of water savings to all irrigators. Temporary and permanent water sales will commence at the end of November 2024.

Werribee Reconfiguration Project – after the fifth meeting with customers and stakeholders it was agreed that a Federal Funding application will be submitted to progress the project to move to a fully recycled water supply to the district and returning river water to Traditional Owners, the environment and urban water supply. DEECA, Greater Western Water, Melbourne Water and SRW have committed to funding half the project, and the Federal Funding application is seeking the other half. There has been a high level of positive engagement with Werribee Irrigators around this project.

### 8.2 Matters referred to/by the Board/Board Committee

The Managing Director and Board Directors provided an update on matters that are currently being considered by the board highlighting:

- The board and Executive Team recently participated in a strategy session, which is an opportunity to look to the future. During the session the following items were discussed:
  - Climate Change
  - Workforce of the Future
  - Capability
  - Energy opportunities
  - Population growth and land use changes, and
  - Technology opportunities, including AI etc to enhance capability across the business in areas such as compliance and water management.

### 8.3 2025 Committee workplan

The committee **noted** the 2025 committee workplan.



#### 8.4 2025 meeting schedule

The committee **noted** the 2025 meeting schedule.

### 9. General Business

The Chair called for any items of General Business.

#### Mitchell River Water Sale – Winter fill Licences – Daniel Hammond

Mr Daniel Hammond, Committee Member discussed the issues customers have faced regarding the issuing the Mitchell River Winterfill licences from the auction in 2023. Several customers have still not received their licence and have therefore missed the 2024 Winterfill period. It was recommended that the Expression of Interest (EOI) process that occurs prior to the sale, should allow for the checks and balances to be completed and ensure the water can be taken. It was also reported that communication throughout the process has been poor.

The aim of raising this matter is to ensure that future sales do not face the same issues.

The Managing Director acknowledged the feedback, apologised for the delay in issuing licences and communication breakdown and committed that SRW will work to ensure process are in place, so this scenario is not repeated.

In regard to the current outstanding licences, SRW was meeting with the CMA on 15 November 2024 to discuss any outstanding requirements.

The committee made the following recommendations to reduce impacts to customers participating in these types of sales:

- EOI process allows for external checks to be completed to ensure the water can be taken,
- A deposit is taken at the time of sale and consider full payment is made once the licence is ready to be issued,
- Greater clarity is provided before a sale to get an early indication of requirements per Irrigation Development Guidelines and consider whether previous information provided by irrigators can be used during future sales.

The Managing Director reiterated that SRW will use this feedback to enhance our approach, apologise when things go wrong and work to fix these issues.

### 10. Meeting evaluation

The committee agreed to skip this item due to the meeting running overtime.

### 11. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum will be held on Friday 7 February 2025 via MS Teams.

### 12. Close

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12:20pm.

Item No: **5**  
Subject: **Business arising from previous meetings**  
Action: **For noting**  
Author: **Hayley Taylor – Executive Assistant**  
Date: **31/01/2025**

---

## **PURPOSE**

1. To allow the forum to assess management progress on items identified for action from Southern Groundwater and River Forum meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the forum notes the status of business arising action items, including:

- Two action items have been completed,
- one action item will remain open until the date of the Strategic Futures Forum has been confirmed, and
- two action items remain in progress.

## **PREVIOUS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS**

2. Business arising is considered each meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. Actions are captured in the minutes each month and transposed into risk wizard where base and aspirational dates are added along with the responsibility for completion.

## **REPORT**

4. Attachment 5.1 describes each action item, its status, and a comment on its progress.

# BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - Southern GWR forum

## Action progress: Complete

Action	Source	Due date	Completed date	Accountable officer	Status comment	
35569	Proactively communicate to customers rostering and river restriction information	SGRF meeting 55- 15 November 2024, Agenda Item 6.1 Roundtable discussion – regional highlights, issues and opportunities.	13/12/24	31/01/25	Russell Tomlin	SRW have Rosters and Restrictions (R & R) hotlines which are updated during summer/dry seasons a few times a week or even daily in some cases. These hotlines are available for customers/landowners to access current information in relation R & R regarding relevant streams/rivers in various localities. There are also established practices where R & R are involved that the messages are updated by 9am when a change is required. We have also conducted mail outs to customers/license holders primarily in relation to instances where hotlines don't exist for certain streams/rivers. SRW are looking to set up more hotlines aligned with the above to provide R & R information to customers/licence holders to reduce the need to conduct mail outs.
35571	Review customer records to understand the issue raised with water being allocated to incorrect titles.	SGRF meeting 55- 15 November 2024, Agenda Item 6.1 Roundtable discussion – regional highlights, issues and opportunities.	29/12/24	31/01/25	Penny Winbanks	Completed. This error was not on the part of SRW, this occurred due to an error within another Water Corporation. It is not a common issue

## Action progress: Overdue

Action	Source	Due date	Completed date	Accountable officer	Status comment	
25330	Advise the SGRF of the date of the Strategic Futures Forum as soon as it is known.	SGRF meeting 51- 1 December 2023, Agenda Item 11 - Meeting evaluation	29/03/24		Hayley Taylor	Due date extended as date has not been confirmed. Action to remain open until date is confirmed, and SGRF notified.

## Action progress: Due within 28 days

Action	Source	Due date	Completed date	Accountable officer	Status comment
--------	--------	----------	----------------	---------------------	----------------

35481	Follow-up status of outstanding licences from the Mitchell River Winterfill Auction.	SGRF meeting 54 - 2 August 2024, Agenda Item 9 - General Business	14/02/25	Penny Winbanks	As of 31 January all but 4 customers have had their licences issued. Those that we have all relevant information and approvals for will be issued by Friday 7 February, while there are still some that we are awaiting advice from the CMA or other requirements. These customers are aware of this and are in direct communication with the CMA as they work to resolve outstanding matters.
-------	--	---	----------	----------------	--

### Action progress: Future items (include a status comment when due date prior to next meeting)

Action	Source	Due date	Completed date	Accountable officer	Status comment
35570	Develop communications on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to access Winterfill flows,</li> <li>• Educating and encouraging water trading with a focus on sleeper licences</li> </ul>	SGRF meeting 55- 15 November 2024, Agenda Item 6.1 Roundtable discussion – regional highlights, issues and opportunities.	30/04/25	Penny Winbanks	Currently working with the Communications team to determine the best way to undertake this and get the word out to our customer base.

Item No: 6  
Subject: **Communications and Engagement report – February 2025**  
Action: **For noting**  
Author: **Kris Perkovic, Senior Community Engagement Adviser**  
Date: **3/02/2025**

---

## **PURPOSE**

To update the Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum on recent communications and engagement activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee note the report.

## **PREVIOUS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS**

2. Communications and engagement activity is reported at each meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. The Communications and Engagement team develops communications plans, issues media releases, manages the website and social media, customer and community engagement activities and looks after media enquiries.

## **REPORT**

### **4. Quarterly newsletter**

Southern Rural Water issued its summer newsletter in December, which was received by 2,423 groundwater and rivers customers. The summer outlook was the most popular story in the newsletter, followed by profiles of growers in Newry, Werribee and Thorpdale.

The autumn customer newsletter will be issued in early March 2025 and distributed to all customers with a valid email address.

### **5. Website**

We publish stories on growers doing great things with groundwater and surface water and what we are doing to support access to groundwater.

[www.srw.com.au/news-media/groundwater-and-great-soil-spearhead-asparagus-growers-success](http://www.srw.com.au/news-media/groundwater-and-great-soil-spearhead-asparagus-growers-success)

[www.srw.com.au/news-media/southern-rural-water-launch-new-groundwater-trading-platform](http://www.srw.com.au/news-media/southern-rural-water-launch-new-groundwater-trading-platform)

[www.srw.com.au/news-media/weve-built-new-emergency-water-supply-bores-bradvale-and-derrinallum](http://www.srw.com.au/news-media/weve-built-new-emergency-water-supply-bores-bradvale-and-derrinallum)


[www.srw.com.au/news-media/season-outlook-dry-forecast-across-southern-victoria](http://www.srw.com.au/news-media/season-outlook-dry-forecast-across-southern-victoria)

## 6. Social media

Our social media posts about groundwater and rivers customers have received good responses. Below are examples of content since the last meeting. Please follow our social media pages to see more.


**Southern Rural Water**  
3 January at 08:33 · 🌐

Curious what makes **Lightfoot Wines** in East Gippsland so unique?  
It's the rare Terra Rossa over Limestone soils, along with careful water management and sustainable farming practices that set them apart.  
Thanks to the reliable supply of water from the Mitchell River, Lightfoot Wines is a true stand out in Gippsland's wine scene.  
Read their story at <https://www.srw.com.au/.../turning-water-wine-mitchell-river>



**Southern Rural Water**  
10 January at 12:15 · 🌐

Meet the Usain Bolt of the veggie world - asparagus.  
Did you know it can grow up to a speedy 10cm in just one day?  
We recently visited **Raffa Fields** in Tooradin, Australia's largest asparagus producer, producing over 95% of Australia's asparagus.  
Read how they're growing this veggie at full speed at <https://www.srw.com.au/.../groundwater-and-great-soil...>



Raffa Fields  
Tooradin, Victoria

**Southern Rural Water**  
17 December 2024 at 09:40 · 🌐

We have launched a new online trading room to make it easier for people in south west Victoria to access groundwater.  
Our new groundwater trade room will provide public access to historic trade price data, allowing people to make more informed decisions about the groundwater market rates when trading water for productive use.  
For full details, visit <https://www.srw.com.au/.../southern-rural-water-launch...>



**New groundwater trading platform**


**Southern Rural Water**  
13 December 2024 · 🌐

We're excited to share that the new emergency water bores at Bradvale Recreation Reserve and Derrinallum Recreation Reserve are now up and running, ready to support local communities during dry conditions.  
These essential bores provide water for domestic and stock needs during severe droughts and are also a crucial resource for CFA firefighters during bushfires.  
Read more at <https://www.srw.com.au/.../weve-built-new-emergency-water...>



**Southern Rural Water**  
29 November 2024 · 🌐


Thorpdale is renowned for potatoes. Stephen Reynolds says the region's reliable water, great soil and climate makes it brilliant for growing high-value brown boronia too.  
Read more at <https://www.srw.com.au/.../meet-boronia-grower-blazing...>



Stephen Reynolds  
Absolute Native

**Southern Rural Water**  
3 December 2024 · 🌐

Dry conditions are expected during summer across southern Victoria.  
Customers are urged to plan their water allocation effectively to meet their needs for the season. ...  
See more



**Season outlook: our summer forecast**

Item No: 6.1

Subject: SRW Fact Sheets

SRW has developed the following factsheets relating to groundwater, surface water, construction of bores and dams.

Name	Description	Link
<b>Accessing water when your domestic and stock bore dries up</b>	One pager with basic options for accessing water and who to contact (DELWP led multi agency)	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/Accessing-water-when-your-domestic-and-stock-supply-dries-up.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/Accessing-water-when-your-domestic-and-stock-supply-dries-up.pdf</a>
<b>Your right to D&amp;S water</b>	Two pager, outlines when you have a private right to access D&S water and what it can be used for	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-01/Your%20right%20to%20domestic%20and%20stock%20water.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-01/Your%20right%20to%20domestic%20and%20stock%20water.pdf</a>
<b>Taking water from rivers and creeks</b>	Two pager, outlines when you need a surfacewater licence, the application process, assessment criteria and metering requirements	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Taking%20water%20from%20rivers%20and%20creeks.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Taking%20water%20from%20rivers%20and%20creeks.pdf</a>
<b>Water for my rural property – do I need a licence?</b>	Two pager to quickly identify if you need a licence based on end use (ie D&S or commercial) and water source etc	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-01/Water%20for%20my%20rural%20property%20-%20do%20I%20need%20a%20licence.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-01/Water%20for%20my%20rural%20property%20-%20do%20I%20need%20a%20licence.pdf</a>
<b>Are you using unsafe river water</b>	This is a Dept Health fact sheet about the risks of drinking unsafe water and how people can find out more about drinking water safety	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/Are-you-using-unsafe-river-water.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/Are-you-using-unsafe-river-water.pdf</a>
<b>Renewing your water licence</b>	Two pager outlining what people need to do in order to renew their licence, and what do to if they no longer need a licences, or have other matters relating to renewals (for example what happens if	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Renewing%20your%20water%20licence.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Renewing%20your%20water%20licence.pdf</a>

	someone has sold the land but not the licence – can they renew?)	
<b>What happens when you apply to take and use water</b>	Three-page step by step guide including flow diagram of the process, timing and appeals avenues	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/What%20happens%20when%20you%20apply%20to%20take%20and%20use%20water.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/What%20happens%20when%20you%20apply%20to%20take%20and%20use%20water.pdf</a>
<b>Trading, leasing or transferring GW &amp; SW</b>	Two pager – the what, when, why and who of transferring unregulated licences	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Trading%2C%20leasing%20or%20transferring%20groundwater%20%26%20unregulated%20surface%20water.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/Trading%2C%20leasing%20or%20transferring%20groundwater%20%26%20unregulated%20surface%20water.pdf</a>
<b>Constructing a bore</b>	Two pager, outlining the licensing requirements for constructing a bore, how to apply, licence term, set back requirements and metering etc if required	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Constuct%20a%20bore.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Constuct%20a%20bore.pdf</a>
<b>Don't plumb bore water into your mains supply</b>	Provides details of urban water corporations and reminds everyone that if they wish to plumb bore water they must gain approval	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Don%E2%80%99t%20plumb%20bore%20water%20into%20your%20mains%20supply.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Don%E2%80%99t%20plumb%20bore%20water%20into%20your%20mains%20supply.pdf</a>
<b>Reminding all drillers</b>	One pager that provides clear checklist of matters they need to ensure are in order when undertaking drilling works	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Reminding%20all%20drillers.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/Reminding%20all%20drillers.pdf</a>
<b>New groundwater allocations</b>	One page overview of the requirements for applying for a new groundwater allocation	<a href="https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/New%20Groundwater%20Allocations.pdf">https://www.srw.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/New%20Groundwater%20Allocations.pdf</a>



Additional factsheets (i.e. for buying or selling a property, renewing a licence), FAQ pages and other information can be found on SRW's website to assist customers with questions they may have.

- Groundwater - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/groundwater-and-bores/groundwater#>
- Rivers and Creeks - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/rivers-and-dams/rivers-and-creeks#>
- Dams – private property - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/rivers-and-dams/dams-private-property>
- Compliance - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/water-management/compliance>
- Domestic and stock water - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/water-management/domestic-and-stock-water>
- Metering - <https://www.srw.com.au/water-and-storage/water-management/metering>

SRW's Application forms also contain helpful information for customers

Item No: 7.1

Subject: **Seasonal Outlook in your area**

The Committee Chair will lead a roundtable discussion of all committee members on:

- how seasonal conditions have/are expected to impact operations, and operations in their area, and
- What should SRW be mindful of leading into Autumn?

### **Climate Outlook**

The climate outlook from the Bureau of Meteorology on 30 January indicates the long-range forecast for February to April to February shows:

- There is a 50-65% chance that rainfall will be above average across southern Victoria, with a higher likelihood in the east.
- This is a slight decrease from the previous outlook, which predicted a likely higher rainfall.
- Victoria is likely to experience warmer than usual days, and unusually high minimum (overnight) temperatures

In the 11 months since February 2024, the rainfall deficiencies are recorded as severe in the south west and south Gippsland regions.

In good news December saw a return for average, and even above average rainfall for parts of south west Victoria.

### **Discussion starters:**

#### General impact

- How are current seasonal conditions impacting your operations right now?
- How do you anticipate expected seasonal conditions will affect your operations?
- What are the most pressing issues currently facing your area?
- Are there any emerging opportunities that SRW should be aware of?
- How have recent developments (e.g., economic, social, environmental) impacted your region?

#### Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies

- What measures have you taken to prepare for seasonal changes?
- How have you adapted your operations to mitigate the impact of seasonal conditions?
- Are there any innovative solutions you have implemented to address seasonal challenges?

Item No: 8.1

Subject: **Strategic Focus Areas and Groundwater and Rivers update**

Action: **For noting**

Author: **Penny Winbanks, Manager Statutory Functions**

Date: **29/01/2025**

Focus area	Commentary
<p>Strategic focus 1.</p> <p>Continued advocacy for sustainable access to water for irrigators via the implementation of GM2030, policy reforms in surface water management and key stakeholder groups.</p>	<p>We will seek to invite DEECA to the next meeting to provide an update on the progress of GM2030. A progress report has been published online and can be accessed here: <a href="#">Groundwater management 2030</a></p> <p>We continue to work with DEECA through GM2030 to ensure the needs of our customers are considered.</p> <p>We are also reviewing the new Licensing Guidelines which will replace the Ministerial Policies for Managing Take and Use Licences to ensure outcomes that support customers</p>
<p>Strategic focus 2.</p> <p>Continue to encourage a flexible trading market through improved internal procedures and Government policies.</p>	<p>SRW launched a groundwater trading platform for customers in the South West, in partnership with Water Partners in December 2024.</p> <p>To date around 20 enquiries or interest in buying and/or selling water have been lodged through the platform. No trades have been completed yet due to a lack of willingness to 'name a price'</p> <p>SRW have provided as much basic guidance as we can to alleviate this issue, and we're confident that once one sale goes through, it will have a knock on effect.</p> <p>We intend on opening this platform up to all groundwater licence holders in Feb/March 2025.</p> <p>In surfacewater areas, the rules around trading (no upstream trade, Sustainable Diversion Limits etc) make the process more difficult, therefore we continue to encourage interested parties to use the relevant Facebook page as a means of identifying other buyers and sellers.</p>
<p>Strategic focus 3.</p> <p>Provide more real time information for customers on water usage following the integration of meter reading data with mySRW portal to improve decision making</p>	<p>We have recruited a Metering and Data Lead position to drive stronger initiatives around metering including providing customers better information about how we use and store their usage data and exploring options to ensure better access for customers to their water usage data.</p> <p>Already underway is a multi-criteria assessment of automated meter reading devices to ensure we have reliable and fit for purpose assets – including the capacity for customers to access live data independently.</p>

<p>Strategic focus 4.</p> <p>Undertake more detailed water resource assessment across our systems through investment of unregulated water sales funds and the continuation of the Supply/Demand projects.</p>	<p>We have initiated work to consolidate our understanding of how climate change may impact the reliability of water systems.</p> <p>This combined with findings from DEECAs Sustainable Yield project will help us identify critical focus points for investment.</p>
<p>Strategic focus 5.</p> <p>Understanding the implications of rapidly evolving cultural water policy on customer aspirations for improved access to water.</p>	<p>In recent months, SRW have made great steps in navigating the practicalities of returning water to Traditional Owners in the absence of policy.</p> <p>We are currently focussing on an application from Bunurong, having met with their staff in October to provide all the relevant information they may require to make decisions on the nature of their application.</p> <p>A meeting with GLaWAC is also scheduled to understand their priorities.</p>

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<p>Mitchell River: interest in water off the shelf</p>	<p>Across November and early December, expressions of interest were received via SRW's auction platform for all remaining lots of water from the Mitchell River that remained unsold.</p> <p>As of Friday 24 January we had received complete Expressions of Interest applications from all interested parties.</p> <p>We are currently working through our next steps.</p>
<p>Interest in Dilwyn Water</p>	<p>Interest in unallocated groundwater in the Dilwyn aquifer in South West Victoria has also increased significantly, with a number of informal expressions of interest, and applications being received.</p> <p>This interest is both from the farming community and urban sector, and exceeds current unallocated volume. We are currently reviewing the interest to determine the most appropriate and equitable way forward.</p> <p>As part of a DEECA project, the groundwater sustainable yield volumes are being reviewed which include this area. The review may change available volumes and SRW will communicate once the review is completed.</p>
<p>3-4 bench apportionment update</p>	<p>SRW have been issued a Bulk Entitlement for 5.33GL for irrigators, which is a three way split with GLaWAC and the VEWH of the total 16GL available.</p>
<p>Return Water Licences</p>	<p>DEECA have developed guidance on licences with return water, these are sometimes called net zero licences, however the return volume does not have to be equal to the</p>

Issue	Commentary
	<p>take – the licence really reflects that some or all of the take is being returned.</p> <p>We have licences with conditions that allow this already, however they are not properly accounted for in the water register. This new guidance will allow us to do that.</p> <p>This also means that we are determining how tariffs and application fees apply to licences such as this.</p>
Moorabool Catchment Investigation	<p>No significant change since the previous update. We are still working through some of the more complex matters.</p>
Maribyrnong Catchment Investigation	<p>Work has commenced on a desktop review of the alleged illegal dams to determine the level of investigation and compliance action required.</p> <p>SRW have allocated a dedicated resource to undertake this desktop review in order to gain and maintain some momentum.</p> <p>We will report on progress at the next meeting.</p>
Small Farm Dams Project	<p>No significant progress since the formal update at the previous meeting. The project is progressing well, and on schedule.</p>
Water for Traditional Owners	<p>SRW are progressing an application with Bunurong, with a briefing currently being scheduled so that all relevant Bunurong staff and interested individuals are informed before the application is finalised and we will progress.</p> <p>Recent correspondence with GLaWAC suggests that they have formed a view on the proposed pathways forward, however we are yet to receive this formally. Noting the CEO is stepping down in the near future.</p> <p>Recruitment is underway for a Cultural Liaison Officer (DEECA funded) to support our work in this space. It is hoped that an appointment can be made by early March.</p>
Mitchell River Management Review	<p>No further update from the August meeting. SRW are determining the pathway forward following the initial work.</p>
Dry conditions in the Southwest	<p>SRW continues to support customers on ground, and through agency response groups. We will be presenting at an AgVic convened webinar in mid February to provide guidance and information around increasing dam capacity and D&amp;S bores.</p> <p>A more detailed paper around the government response to this is included in this agenda.</p>
Future of Orbost and District Project Irrigation Water Study	<p>This study has identified areas where SRW can take steps to improve the effectiveness of the water market as well as other areas where it is identified that we may have a joint role.</p>

Issue	Commentary
	<p>The views expressed through this study are not unique to the Orbost region, and in this instance at the core of the issue is either misinformation or a lack of information.</p> <p>To address this, and many of the items raised through the paper, we will commit to providing all licence holders in the area with written advice on water trading, and the support available to them should they wish to buy or sell water.</p> <p>We will also be formally responding to the future of Orbost and District (FoOD) Project via East Gippsland Shire Council.</p>

Item No: **8.2**  
Subject: **Government response to drought conditions in the South West**  
Action: **For noting**  
Author: **Penny Winbanks, Manager Statutory Functions**  
Date: **29/01/2025**

---

In response to the prolonged dry period in the South West the Department has appointed two Drought Co-ordinators to initiate, oversee and support agencies and customer in their response.

As part of this, a South West Drought Co-ordination Group has been established and includes representatives from Water Corporations, Local Government, AgVic, RDV, Industry groups such as West Vic Dairy, VFF and Food & Fibre Great South Coast and Rural Financial Counselling Services.

This group meets monthly to provide progress updates across key initiatives and co-ordinate multi agencies initiatives where required. Work underway currently includes:

- The on-farm drought infrastructure grants program, where 969 applications have been received as of late January totalling around 42% of the allocated budget. Most of these applications are for water infrastructure such as tanks and dam works, stock containment and grain/fodder storage. This is funded via the Drought Response Package
- The provision of technical and decision making support through one-on-one advisory services, as well as support for relevant broader informative events covering digital tools, business management and planning, mental health and wellbeing, stock feeding and nutrition and soil and pasture information. This is funded via the Drought Response Package
- Development and review of the South West Response Co-ordination Framework which provides a list of all initiatives being implemented across all sectors, not only water, to ensure we can track progress and ensure we are not duplicating or missing opportunities to leverage
- Circulation of resource directory which provides contact details for a range of support agencies which can be found here [Resource directory](#)
- DEECA are undertaking work to review the Emergency Water Supply Point Network. The website has been updated to included more recently installed sites
- SRW have prepared/reviewed a range of fact sheets which DEECA have collated for distribution. These cover topics such as advice on when a licence is required, rules around farm dams and reminders on our zero tolerance policy for overuse

Internally, the pilot program for the trading platform is underway. We have experienced some teething issues with the process between Water Partners and SRW, and steps have been taken to rectify those.

There are currently about 20 trade opportunities however at this stage sellers are not willing to “name a price” which is impacting progress. SRW have provided further information facilitate progress, flagging that while we have limited data on the cost of trades in the south west specifically, there is publicly available data on the Water Register where customers can access trade prices from across the state where they have been disclosed.

Item No: **9.1**  
Subject: **SGRF Focus Areas and SRW Corporate Plan (2025/2026)**  
Action: **For discussion**  
Author: **Penny Winbanks, Manager Statutory Functions**  
Date: **29/01/2025**

---

The Committee Chair will lead a roundtable discussion of all committee members on matters or areas of interest to the group that will inform our focus for the 2025 calendar year. These interest areas can be carried forwarded and used as information to support development of our 2025/2026 Corporate Plan

### **Background information**

The SGRF members identified the following strategic focus areas for 2024:

- Continued advocacy for sustainable access to water for irrigators via the implementation of GM2030, policy reforms in surface water management and key stakeholder groups.
- Continue to encourage a flexible trading market through improved internal procedures and Government policies.
- Provide more real time information for customers on water usage following the integration of meter reading data with mySRW portal to improve decision making
- Undertake more detailed water resource assessment across our systems through investment of unregulated water sales funds and the continuation of the Supply/Demand projects.
- Understanding the implications of rapidly evolving cultural water policy on customer aspirations for improved access to water.

SRW Corporate Plan for 2024/2025 includes a focus on:

- Delivering on our water sales plan, making more water available across southern Victoria within consumptive limits
- Understanding long term water security across all supply systems through a climate change mitigation and adaptation lens
- Complete a climate risk and infrastructure vulnerability assessment with an initial focus in the south west region
- Making more water available to enable growth through strategic projects including the Macalister Fresh initiative and delivering on the Central and Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy action 4-8 known as the reallocation of the Latrobe 3-4 bench entitlement, to reallocate 16 GL of water from Blue Rock Lake to irrigators, the environment and Traditional Owners

The Corporate Plan also highlights priorities with a longer time horizon (2025 – 2028) including:

- Commercial customers are digitally connected to SRW via remote meters
- Investigate opportunities for the Dilwyn aquifer to support growth in the south west region
- Build and evidence base that enhances understanding of water resource capability and competing demands across our catchments

### **Discussion starters:**

- Do any of the focus areas from last year still remain and a priority in the eyes of the group?



- Are there any priorities identified from the Corporate Plan that are of interest to the group?
- In terms of the service and value SRW provide, where can we improve the most to be support you?
- Are there any emerging opportunities that SRW should be aware of?

Item No: **9.2**

Subject: **Customer Committee Code of Conduct**

The Southern Rural Water Customer Consultative Committee Handbook, and VPS Code of Conduct are linked below.

All members have been asked to review the handbook and VPS Code of Conduct and return the member declaration to the committee secretary.

[Customer Consultative Committee Handbook](#)

[VPS Code of Conduct](#)

All committee members will be required to undertake the SRW corporate cultural awareness training in early 2025.

---

Item No: **9.3**

Subject: **Important issues from other customer committees**

Cameron FitzGerald, Managing Director, will provide a verbal update on important issues raised at other customer committees.

---

Item No: **9.4**

Subject: **Matters referred to the board/board committee.**

Dr Jane Doolan, Board Director will discuss matters that will be referred to the Board.

---

Item No: **9.5**

Subject: **2025 Committee workplan**

Southern Rural Water will provide updates to the committee as indicated in the 2025 Committee workplan. Additional items can be added to the agenda at the request of committee members and by SRW to address any current issues or events.

During meetings, the committee can request that items are added to the workplan to ensure that updates on specific topics are provided at key intervals.

The workplan will be included as an agenda item for each meeting.

A copy of the 2025 Committee workplan is included as attachment 9.5.1 for **noting**.

Attachment 9.5.1

**SOUTHERN GROUNDWATER AND RIVERS FORUM ROLLING WORK PLAN**

	Requirement	2025				2026				Notes
		FEB	MAY	AUG	NOV	FEB	MAY	AUG	NOV	
Principal & Business Matters	Communications report	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	GWR Strategic Focus Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Report on progress each meeting as part of the Manager GWR update. Update Focus Area's each May.
	Plan for new Financial Year			✓				✓		Plan to address Key Focus Areas
	Groundwater and Rivers Update	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Brief paragraph to update to committee on current projects and issues
Policy and strategic direction	Committee appointments			✓				✓		As required. (Chair and Deputy Chair vote)
	Compliance and Enforcement			✓				✓		EOFY performance
	Climate Outlook and Drought Response Update				✓				✓	
	Corporate Plan	✓		✓		✓		✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February – Discussion – what does the SGRF want to see in the Corporate Plan. Align with GWR Strategic Focus Areas</li> <li>August – Corporate Plan (new plan for noting)</li> </ul>
Project updates (DEECA and SRW)	SWS 4.13 – Small Farm Dams									At key project milestones
	GM2030									At key project milestones
Admin / Other	Meeting evaluation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Important issues from other customer committees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MD to provide verbal update
	Matters referred to the committee by the board/board committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Committee Workplan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Meeting schedule for the year				✓				✓	

Item No: **10**

Subject: **General Business**

The Chair will introduce any items of general business.

---

Item No: **11**

Subject: **Meeting evaluation**

The Chair will seek feedback on the effectiveness of this meeting.

The Chair will ask the forum to assess the performance of the committee at this meeting, using the below questions as a guide.

1. Do we think the committee is adding value?
  2. What's working?
  3. What's not working?
- 

Item No: **12**

Subject: **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum is to be held on Friday 2 May 2025, via MS Teams.

---

Item No: **13**

Subject: **Close**

The Chair will close the meeting.

---