

## Lake Boga Coordination Group & Management Transfer

Agencies involved in current and future management of Lake Boga, including G-MW, Swan Hill Rural City Council (SHRCC), Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) have formed the Lake Boga Coordination Group (LBCG), and established a Memorandum of Understanding to govern its activities, to provide clarity regarding agency roles and responsibilities and to support improved management of the lake in the future.

The group representatives include Lester Haw, G-MW Manager Torrumbarry Area & Chair of the group, Dennis Hovenden, CEO SHRCC, John Cooke, DSE Manager Sunraysia and Damian Wells, CEO NCCMA).

The LBCG has agreed on which agency will in the future have primary management responsibility for various areas of the lake and surrounding foreshore lands. G-MW will be responsible for the management of water resources stored in and released from the lake and the land on which that water is stored, up to a maximum flood operating level. SHRCC will be responsible for all land and activities thereon above maximum flood

level, with the exception of an area on the south-east side of the lake foreshore which will remain under management by DSE. SHRCC will remain the relevant Boating Authority for the lake.

Field survey work and development of a plan to detail the management boundaries around the lake is expected to be completed early in 2010. This will be followed by the reservation of the lands and appointment of the relevant land managers under the provisions of the Crown Land (Reserves Act) 1978.

Other matters presently under consideration by the LBCG include further lake bed management activities prior to return of water to the lake, potential for reclamation of lake bed land for extension of the caravan park site, potential impacts of future lake operation on Turtle Lagoon, future foreshore erosion management and identification of future risks, resourcing and funding requirements.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the project can be found on the website [www.lakemokoan.com/midmurraystorage](http://www.lakemokoan.com/midmurraystorage) or by email to [midmurraysp@g-mwater.com.au](mailto:midmurraysp@g-mwater.com.au).