

# **Pacific Water Association**

## **Report of the Meeting on Possible Collaboration with the World Plumbing Council**

Held at SOPAC Secretariat, Suva, Fiji  
10 September 1998

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PWA Interim Secretariat

September 1998

PWA Miscellaneous Report 1

A meeting of the PWA, represented by the Interim Secretariat, 2 Active Members (Fiji and Samoa), and 1 Allied member (Sydney Water) was arranged with a representative of the World Plumbing Council to explore avenues of possible collaboration between the two bodies.

**Background:** The meeting was arranged through the efforts of David Parish from Sydney Water, who had earlier met with the Secretary of the World Plumbing Council (WPC), Andy Watts, MBE. On his return from the World Plumbing Council AGM held in Singapore in September, Mr Watts requested a meeting with PWA Interim Secretariat. The mission of the WPC is sufficiently consistent with the mission of the PWA that it appears that some formal collaboration would be fruitful.

**Record of the Meeting:** The meeting was held on 10 September 1998 at the SOPAC Secretariat. There were no formal minutes taken; however the following is an account of the meeting:

1. The following people attended:

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| ▪ Andy Watts, MBE | World Plumbing Council               |
| ▪ David Parish    | Sydney Water                         |
| ▪ Dr Brett Wright | Australian Water Technologies        |
| ▪ Paul Harvey     | Australian Water Technologies        |
| ▪ Ram Shandil     | Water and Sewerage Section PWB, Fiji |
| ▪ Paul Wilisoni   | Water and Sewerage Section PWB, Fiji |
| ▪ John Tavo       | Water and Sewerage Section PWB, Fiji |
| ▪ Pouifi Tufuga   | Samoa Water Authority                |
| ▪ Chris Cheatham  | PWA Consultant                       |
| ▪ Ed Burke        | PWA Interim Secretariat              |

Australian Water Technologies (AWT) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sydney Water. Both Samoa and Fiji are Active Members of the PWA, and Sydney Water is an Allied Member with Brett Wright being the PWA Board representative for all Allied Members.

2. The meeting Agenda is attached as Appendix 1

3. Alf Simpson, Director of SOPAC, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and gave a brief description of regional water sector problems, noting PWA and SOPAC efforts in assisting the water sector.

4. Apologies from John Chaniel, PWA Executive Director, and Patrick Amini, PPA Executive Officer, were received.

5. Following personal introductions by the participants, a brief history of the establishment of PWA and how it operates was given by Ed Burke and Chris Cheatham.

6. A paper listing PWA membership and current and future activities of the Association was distributed and discussed, and is attached as Appendix 2.

7. Andy Watts described the history and activities of the PWC. He mentioned that there are no WPC members from the Pacific region and he wishes to change this, possibly

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<sup>1</sup> The mission statement of WPC is: "The mission of the World Plumbing Council is to unite the world plumbing industry to safeguard and protect the environment and the health of nations for the benefit of all."

by working through PWA. Training and establishing suitable Codes and Practices are among the issues promoted by the WPC. A brief summary of the WPC can be found in Appendix 3'.

8. The possibility of granting reciprocal membership (i.e., PWA and WPA to become members of each other's organisation, with no fee transfers) was discussed. This may be a promising avenue for formal collaboration in the future.
9. A possible joint collaboration between WPC and PWA is to develop model codes and standards that would generally apply to Pacific Island countries. The model could then be developed further by each water utility to meet its own specific conditions. A project proposal should be drafted to seek possible sources of funding for this.
10. Both Ram Shandil and Pouifi Tufuga expressed their interest in developing plumbing related codes and standards in Fiji and Samoa respectively.
11. Some concern was expressed about the vitality of the Pacific Water Association and the possible scope for collaboration with outside bodies at the present time. It was noted that the PWA has only been formed this year and expects both Active and Allied membership to expand significantly in the coming months. With this expansion, and an increase in the Association's financial resources, together with a broadening of activities (and possible increase in donor interest to support Association activities), it is expected that a permanent Secretariat can be established in the near future, which will greatly facilitate the collaboration that is envisaged.
12. Dr Brett Wright offered the services of AWT to assist PWA. This will be a good opportunity to use AWT's expertise to support PWA in a future workshop or other activity.
13. Participants at the meeting agreed unanimously that future collaborations with the WPC and similar organisations around the world with similar aims should be fully developed.

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<sup>2</sup> Detailed information on the WPC can be found on the WPC Web Site:  
<http://www.worldplumbing.org>

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **AGENDA**

Pacific Water Association Meeting With  
World Plumbing Council  
Sydney Water  
Pacific Power Association  
Suva Water Supply  
Samoa Water Authority

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome to SOPAC, PWA's Interim Secretariat
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Individual Introductions
- 4 Brief History of PWA
- 5 Current PWA Activities (hand out)
- 6 World Plumbing Council
- 7 Sydney Water
- 8 Pacific Power Association
- 9 Suva Water Supply
- 10 Samoa Water Authority
- 11 General discussion
- 12 Potential collaboration
- 13 Closing

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **SUMMARY OF PWA ACTIVITIES SINCE AGM**

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1. As of September 1998 paid up members of the PWA are:

### Active Members

- Solomon Island Water Authority
- Public Utilities Board, Kiribati
- American Samoa Power Authority
- Yap State Public Service Corporation
- The Water Board, Papua New Guinea
- Tuvalu Government
- Fiji Government
- UNELCO, Port Vila, Vanuatu
- Samoa Water Authority

Potential Active Members (who have not paid 1998 fees) are Cook Islands, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Guam, French Polynesia, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Niue, Tonga, Wallis & Futuna, Tokelau, Nauru, Palau, Northern Marianas (Note that Guam has indicated that it will join)

### Allied Members

- Timber Tanks, New Zealand
- ACTEW, Australia
- Sydney Water, Australia
- Aquaduct Trading, Australia

### Previous PWA members but have not paid fees in 1998

- Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Marshall Islands
- Pohnpei Utilities Corporation
- Caledonienne Des Eaux, New Caledonia
- Hume Industries (NZ) Ltd
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation

2. The AGM meeting was documented in PWA AGM Report 1 that was sent to all who attended the AGM plus most potential Active Members in May along with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.
3. A PWA brochure (promoting PWA) was produced by Chris and 30 copies was sent out along with the AGM report and other documents.
4. Visits by Chris and Ed were made to the NZ and Australian Trade Missions in Suva, Fiji, promoting PWA.
5. Articles about the PWA AGM appeared in the PPA Magazine and the Water and Wastes in NZ Journal.
6. Updated PWA Home Page on the Internet.  
Web; <http://www.sopac.org.fj/wasp/PWA/PWA-form.htm>

7. Received e-mail message from Pohnpei Utility Corp that their Board has agreed to host the next PWA AGM. Waiting for an official letter from PUC to confirm their offer.
8. SOPAC's Water Resources Unit has funding for a regional demand management and conservation workshop scheduled for sometime in the first half of 1999. Ways to collaborate with PWA will be explored.
9. Mike Dworsky attends Hawaii Branch meeting of American Water Works Association and promotes PWA. Possibility of holding PWA meeting in conjunction with next AWWA meeting in Hawaii to be explored.
10. Chris met with UNDP to discuss and promote PWA.
11. A meeting with David Parish and Brett Wright (Allied Member's PWA Director) from Sydney Water and Andy Watts from the World Plumbing Association plus PPA and the Fiji Water Section is scheduled for 10 September. The idea is to find ways to collaborate with Sydney Water and the Plumbing Association and solicit new members.
12. A meeting with Southern Sydney Institute of TAFE has been scheduled for 19 September with Chris to explore ways to collaborate.
13. PWA Executive Director, John Chaniel, will be making a presentation at the Pacific Power Association meeting to be held in New Caledonia 21-25 September. Chris, Mike and Faustino will be attending the PPA meeting as well.
14. NZ Water and Wastes Association invited PWA to attend its 40th Annual Conference and Trade Expo to be held in Wellington from 22-25 September. SOPAC has agreed to share costs with PWA for Ed's attendance. This is a good opportunity to explore ways to collaborate with NZWWA and solicit new Allied members. NZWWA will pay all registration fees.



APPENDIX 3

**SUMMARY OF WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL**



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### **Mission**

The mission of the World Plumbing Council is to unite the world plumbing industry to safeguard and protect the environment and the health of nations, for the benefit of all.

### **Objectives**

To develop and promote the image and standards of the Plumbing Industry worldwide.

To encourage and facilitate the exchange of information, ideas and technology between Plumbing Industry Organisations and individuals worldwide.

To promote and assist in Plumbing Industry Education and Training, recognising the need for appropriate standards and their international recognition.

To create an awareness of the Plumbing Industry's role in protecting the environment by providing safe fresh water and sanitation through proper management, care, reuse, and conservation of natural resources.

To provide and share information regarding research projects and technology that may be applicable to the Plumbing Industry and the people they serve.

To meet at a World Plumbing Conference at least every three years, and to assure continued growth and member affiliations.

[Click here for a brief history of the World Plumbing Council](#)

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