



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## Paprika and Chilli Field Day

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**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006**

Harvey Water, in conjunction with Agriculture WA, Pepper Extracts AU Pty Ltd, NIDP and Brookside Fresh Farm will be holding a Field Day on 18<sup>th</sup> April to showcase the chilli and paprika trials currently underway in the Waroona area.

**When: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am to 1.30pm**

**Where: Meet at Ag Department  
car park, Waroona**

The Field Day will include a tour of paprika and chilli crops, presentations from various industry experts, finishing off with a sausage sizzle lunch.



*For further information and to RSVP please contact David Gollach on tel: 9298 8931 or e-mail: [gollach@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gollach@bigpond.net.au).*

**Note:** Waroona Irrigators will have the opportunity to discuss water issues in general with Harvey Water staff after the tour.

## Carpenter signs National Water Initiative

Finally WA has signed the National Water Initiative! Geoff Calder, General Manager of Harvey Water said "this is very good news for us in both the short and the longer term – especially for Collie." Harvey Water will work with other agencies to develop a proposal to access national funds for the piping of the Collie district.

Geoff Calder, General Manager was invited to present a paper on our Water Quality Improvement and Pipe Project to the National Water Commission (NWC) workshop in Canberra recently. The NWC is using our project as a case study to demonstrate to other irrigators how water can be saved to the benefit of a wide range of stakeholders.

A further paper was presented by Ken Moore on the on-farm advantage of piping based on the centre pivot trial at Hank's farm. It is extremely pleasing that our project has national recognition and praise. We expect a visit from a very senior Federal politician before long!

## South West Water Plan

One of the initiatives of the State Water Strategy is to develop water plans for each district, based on the districts administered by the Development Commissions. The South West will be the first one developed and SWIMCO Director Tom Busher will be Executive Officer from his role in SWDC and Dan Norton represented Harvey Water at the first meeting.



## Wellington Salinity

The Collie River Recovery Project is progressing well with three pumps, one more than last year, now in place. These were set up on 1<sup>st</sup> April, in order to catch the first flushing rains. It is planned to divert 5GL of these early high salinity flows this winter, which equates to approximately 100,000 tonnes of salt!

John Platt from the Department of Water spoke to Collie Irrigators at a recent "Under the Trees" meeting at the Waterloo Hall. He said although it is hard to predict, the effect this year should show considerably better results than last year's trial. The aim of the project is to reduce salinity in the Wellington Dam by approximately 140 mg/m per year. This will get the salinity down from 1,200 mg/m to 650 mg/m by 2010.

## Gascoyne Visit

Five Directors and three staff attended the WA Irrigation Cooperatives Conference in Carnarvon from 5th to 8th March. There were 42 delegates, including presenters, with a good mix of relevant topics and guest speakers. The conference was a great opportunity to discuss issues common to the three irrigation cooperatives and find ways of resolving them. Outcomes from the conference included:

- Elaine Gardiner – Chair of Ord Irrigation Cooperative elected as the WA representative on ANCID, replacing Dan Norton.
- The three WA irrigation cooperatives forming an alliance to collectively influence positive outcomes for irrigators through the state government's Irrigation Review.

At the conclusion of the conference, delegates were taken on a tour of the irrigation area, and were lucky enough to see the Gascoyne River looking spectacular in full flood!

## Pooling of TWE's

Did you know that Harvey Water offers shareholders the option to amalgamate their TWE's together as one Pooled Entity?

Benefits of Pooling:

- Reduces the hassle of having to apply for a temporary transfer if the water is being transferred in from an existing TWE you own or lease.
- Cost saving of \$15.00 for each Temporary Transfer (where restrictions don't apply) and possibly a penalty fee for exceeding TWE allocation.
- One invoice will be produced, this will include the overall TWE total, the remaining TWE Balance and a summary of the balance of each supply point which is based on the current irrigation season. This invoice will be raised to the nominated entity.
- When placing an order via the OSI ordering system you only need to quote your Pooled TWE number.

To arrange for an application form to Pool TWE's or to find out more please contact Rosaly Carr at the HW office on 9729 0100.

## Harvey Pipe Project

With Stage one progressing very well and nearing completion, planning is now underway for Stage two which will cover the Uduc and Harvey North areas. HPP staff will be in contact with all irrigators in these areas in the next couple of months to discuss supply point positions and any other matters that will affect the landholders.

***Please contact Geoff Calder at Harvey Water on Tel: 9729 0100 for further information on any of the items above.***