

HARVEY WATER

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IRRIGATORS MEETING IN BENGER

A meeting will be held at the Benger Hall on Wednesday 10th August commencing at 9.00am. There will plenty of opportunity for questions and suggestions on all of the significant issues facing the irrigation industry and the future direction of the Cooperative. The key item for discussion will be the soon to be released Irrigation Review and we hope to have a representative from the review committee attend to give an update on the final report. Other items for discussion will include an update on the piping project and progress on salinity improvement at the Wellington dam.

DAM LEVELS

While we had an excellent start to the winter with very good run-off rains, the dry July has been somewhat disappointing. However, total volumes at the end of July were still 30% more than last year and with average or better rains over the next 3 months, dam levels should increase to a more satisfactory level before the beginning of the irrigation season.

AGM

The cooperative AGMs will be held a little earlier this year on 22nd September so please mark this date in your diaries. All members are invited to attend. An important change to the Articles will be introduced to allow for an additional external Director to be appointed to the SWIMCO Board. The additional Director will add depth to the Board in the area of contract management and legal expertise, which will be required as the Cooperative moves forward with the piping project. Further information will be circulated to all shareholders in the near future.

WELLINGTON DAM

Harvey Water has played a significant role in providing funds for the Collie River Salinity Recovery Project. Harvey Water in conjunction with Griffin Coal, Federal Government, South West Catchment Council and Department of Environment have joined forces to enable the diversion of high salinity water from the Collie River East Branch into coal mining voids at Chicken Creek. As well as improving the environmental values of the river the project will re-establish Wellington Dam as a fresh water supply for irrigators.

The work is now complete and although too late to obtain any constructive results this year, it is hoped to complete testing and be ready to start diverting the water as soon as next years opening rains start.

Look for a major announcement about this project in the media in the first week of August.

PIPING PROGRESS

Progress is well underway for the commencement of the piping of the Harvey district, due to begin in the last quarter of the year. The first stage of the customer meetings have been held and Harvey Water staff will be finalising the positioning of supply points in conjunction with customers during the next two weeks.

A project office is currently under construction on Logue Road and all design works, approvals and planning are nearing completion. Further updates on this significant project will be provided as the piping develops.