

HARVEY WATER

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TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN – WAROONA PIPE SCHEME

Harvey Water advise that the Waroona Pipe Scheme will be shut down:

From: **Wednesday 16th August 2006 @ 0700 hrs**
To: **Thursday 17th August 2006 @ 1700 hrs (approx)**

Harvey Water apologises for any inconvenience but it is necessary to connect new customers. To obtain further information please contact the office on 9729 0100.

IRRIGATORS MEETING IN BENGER

The annual irrigators' meeting will be held at the Benger Hall on Tuesday 15th August commencing at 10.00am. Simon Holthouse will present a forward look at where the future may be taking us which will guide our strategic planning. There will also be plenty of opportunity for questions and suggestions on all of the significant issues facing the irrigation industry including Harvey Water's response to the Draft Blueprint for Water Reform in WA. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please contact Harvey Water if you would like more information or want to have an issue placed on the agenda.

DRAFT BLUEPRINT FOR WATER REFORM IN WA

The Department of Water recently held a stakeholder workshop in Harvey to discuss the proposed direction of water reform in Western Australia. Ross Kelly, Chairman of the Water Reform Implementation Committee briefed the meeting on a number of proposed directions including:

- Changing the water entitlements system – licences and licensing
- Facilitating water trading – including external trades by individual irrigators
- Implementing water metering
- Recovering water resource management costs – who should pay; how much?
- Land and water planning for the protection of land for irrigated agriculture – a critical issue for Harvey Water shareholders
- Increasing self-management
- Investing in water use efficiency – on-farm as well to the farm

Stakeholders then had the opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide feedback. The majority of people attending the workshop felt that Harvey

Water was already doing an excellent job of facilitating internal trading, metering and managing water entitlements on behalf of the shareholders... Harvey Water has particular concerns about statutory water management plans, individual licences and external trade as well as proper protection of irrigation land and water resources against inappropriate planning decisions and will be providing a comprehensive response. Individual irrigators are encouraged to also make submissions to the committee.

LOGUE BROOK DAM

Harvey Water has participated in a great deal of community consultation over the issue of recreation and potable water supplies in Logue Brook Dam. The most recent public forum was held in Harvey on 22nd July with over 200 attendees representing the many stakeholders and government agencies having an interest in the future use of the Dam.

The Harvey Water Board has agreed that they will use every endeavour to make sure that Logue sub-district (Stage 3) is piped. If Harvey Water is unable to trade water out of Logue Brook dam then another funding source will need to be found and possibilities include support from the National Water Initiative and normal commercial funding.

The information is all with the Department of Water now who will provide advice to the Minister for Water for his decision, apparently in September 2006.

DAM LEVELS

While we had a very disappointing start to the winter with just 130mm of rain, in the gauge at the end of June, some very welcome rain has been received in the last few weeks.

At 31 July 2006 the dam levels were as follows:

Dam	Capacity (ML)	Average for end of July	Storage at 31 July 06	% full July 2006	Storage at 31 July 05	% full July 2005
Sampson	8,066	5,076	4,350	54%	5,332	66%
Waroona	14,930	7,637	10,513	70%	8,816	59%
Drakesbrook	2,290	1,698	988	43%	2,290	100%
Total Waroona District	25,286	14,411	15,851	63%	16,438	65%
Stirling	56,123	21,197	17,401	31%	23,921	43%
Harvey	56,442	13,453	19,342	34%	22,146	39%
Logue Brook	24,300	8,020	11,142	46%	6,375	26%
Total Harvey District	136,865	42,670	47,885	35%	52,442	38%
Wellington*	186,000	88,873	63,736	34%	68,882	37%
GRAND TOTAL	348,151	145,953	127,472	37%	137,762	40%

*HW Share is 68,000 ML

Many people are concerned about the possibility of a restriction next season because of the dry winter to date and the current level of the dams.

Current levels compared to the long term average show that dam levels are slightly lower than the average at this time of the year. However as most of the run off and filling occurs during August, September and October, dams are usually at their fullest at about the end of October so lets all hope that we continue to receive good falls over the next 3 months so that levels increase to a more satisfactory level before the beginning of the irrigation season.

Past and current monthly storage information for all dams is available on our web-site at www.harveywater.com.au. You can also see graphs, which are updated weekly, inside the foyer of our office.

AGM

This years Annual General Meetings will be held on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm at the Harvey Senior Citizens Centre. Please note that this will be an evening meeting which will hopefully be more convenient for Shareholders to attend. Further information will be circulated to all shareholders in the near future.

WELLINGTON DAM

Salinity mitigation in the Wellington Dam continues to progress, with 3 pumps working to divert the most saline inflows since the beginning of winter. Preliminary data has been very encouraging, demonstrating that the pumps are managing to divert a large amount of salt from entering the dam by diverting the least amount of water. As at 6th July. 95 ML of water had been removed from the river at Collie East, which contained 1212 tonnes of salt. In context of inflow to the dam, the pumping represents a 39% removal of salt from only 5% of the flow.

STAGE 2 OF HARVEY PIPE PROJECT SET TO COMMENCE

After successfully completing stage one of the Harvey Pipe Project, the HPP team is well into the preliminaries for Stage 2 (Uduc and Harvey North). Stage 2 involves the laying of 85 km of HDPE pipe and will benefit over 60 irrigators in the area. Stage 2 is on track for construction starting in early spring and completion by 30 June next year.