



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## Under the Trees Meetings

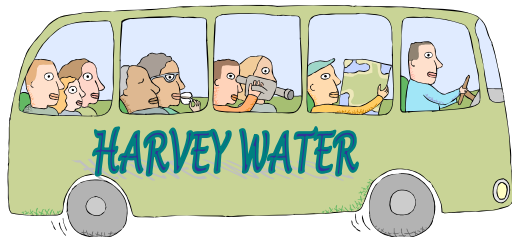
A series of "Under the Trees" meetings will be held during March. The first meeting will be held at the Waterloo Hall on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am**



Discussion will include progress on the Collie River Salinity Project with Representatives from the Department of Environment on hand to present the most recent results from the project and discuss future developments.

## Bus Tour of Harvey Pipe Project

Irrigators will be able to get a first hand look at progress on Stage 1 of the Harvey Pipe Project, with a guided bus tour.



The tour will look at the various construction sites and will include a lively commentary from our very own Steve Icton.

The Tour is schedule to take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.00am**. Seats are limited so please contact Jane on 9729 0110 or [janef@harveywater.com.au](mailto:janef@harveywater.com.au) to register your interest by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## Wellington Salinity

Since commencing the Collie River Salinity Recovery Project, salinity in the Wellington Dam has reduced by an estimated 16 mg/litre involving shifting about 2,700 tonnes of salt in about 1 GL of water. This is encouraging news for Collie Irrigators and further improvements are expected over the coming winter.

## National Water Initiative

Most people would be aware of the fact that the new Premier, Alan Carpenter, has indicated his intention to sign the National Water Initiative.

Harvey Water will be keeping a close watch on the developments to see if there are any funding possibilities for us.

The Harvey Piping Project has been selected by the National Water Commission as a key case study on the sort of project they are interested in supporting.

## Salinity Maps

Did you know that Harvey Water can produce maps for individual farmers in the Collie District showing surface salinity and areas potentially at risk of water logging and salinity? Radiometric EM 31 and EM 38 maps can be produced free of charge to irrigators and are available in hard copy A3 maps or as a PDF file.

Soil mapping has also been carried out for the Waroona area and individual maps for most farms will be available in the near future.

For further information please contact Jane on 9729 0110 or [janef@harveywater.com.au](mailto:janef@harveywater.com.au)



## Logue Brook Dam Consultation

Harvey Water has had a wide range of coverage in the local media about the proposal to change the use of Logue Brook Dam from irrigation and recreation to a source protected public drinking water supply.

Harvey Water has been doing a great deal of consultation with the many stakeholders affected by the change, and this culminated in a Community Open Day on 28<sup>th</sup> January which was attended by around 100 people.

A report has now been prepared for government, detailing all of the concerns raised during the consultation and recommending wider use of the Harvey Dam for recreation. A decision by government is expected before the end of June this year.

A copy of the report to government will be available on the Harvey Water website shortly at [www.harveywater.com.au](http://www.harveywater.com.au)

## Development Officer

Angie Galati, our Development Officer based in Waroona has relocated to Tasmania, leaving the position vacant. A paper on the various options for the resourcing of development of the irrigation area was presented to the February Board Meeting. The issue will also be raised with all shareholders in the form of a discussion paper and through the strategic planning process which will take place in July, with all irrigators welcome to contribute.

## Milestone for Harvey Pipe Project

The Harvey Pipe Project team reached a very significant milestone on 10<sup>th</sup> February with the completion of delivery of all 70 kilometres of pipe required for stage 1 of the project. This was done on schedule and on budget with no real issues experienced.



In total 190 truck loads of pipe worth almost 10 million dollars has been delivered since 4<sup>th</sup> November which equates to over 3 trucks per day every working day over a three month period.

This the biggest HDPE pipe order ever placed in Australia by far and consequently the biggest pipe delivery ever undertaken by a transport company. This is quite an achievement!

## Water Auction

This year's Water Auction was very quiet and although seller registrations were strong with over 5,000 temporary and 200 permanent ML available for sale, there were only two buyers on the day. Most lots were passed in after failing to meet the sellers' reserves. A total of 125 permanent TWE from the Collie District was sold at an average price of \$28, while 24 temporary TWE in the Harvey district sold for an average of \$6 - definitely a buyers market!

Meanwhile, anyone who wishes to buy or sell water entitlements can view the register of buyers and sellers for each area on the Harvey Water website:

[www.harveywater.com.au](http://www.harveywater.com.au)

To register your interest, please contact Rosaly on 9729 0101.

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