



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## **Water Trade**

Harvey Water has agreed to a temporary trade of 3 GL per year for the next 2 years with Water Corporation.

Irrigators need not be concerned that it is their farm water that is being traded.

Our investments in piping have saved water that would otherwise have been lost between the dam and the farm and it is these saved losses that is being traded.

The benefit to irrigators is that we will have permanent access to the Wokalup pipeline to deliver water under head pressure to the Harvey South area, without having to pay the capital cost. The pipeline will also save further water during distribution.

The traded water will come from Samson Dam and Harvey Dam.

Harvey Water will continue to investigate further opportunities for trade which will be of benefit to irrigators. We will be looking for ways to fund a better delivery system.

## **Wellington Salinity**

Progress on investment to improve the salinity in

Wellington is slow and steady but positive. The Federal and State government processes are many and detailed but the necessary steps are definitely being achieved. We are cautiously optimistic that the first on-ground investments will be made in the first half of next year.

Harvey Water continues to contribute resources to move the program along.

## **Pipeline Developments**

Harvey Water is working to ensure that decisions on future pipelines are consistent, clear and fair to shareholders. We expect to publicly consult with irrigators during the next 3 months on the guidelines we will use for decision making.

There will be limited construction work this winter but we hope to fire up again next year.

## **Water Auctions**

The summary of sales from our 3 auctions are as follows.

Permanent Sales  
Waroona - 88 ML;  
Price range \$175 to \$276 per ML  
Harvey – no sales  
Collie – 80 ML; Price \$5 per ML



### **Temporary Transfers**

**Waroona – 590 ML;  
Price range \$12 to \$18 per ML  
Harvey – 340 ML;  
Price range \$5 to \$13 per ML  
Collie – 140 ML; Price \$5 per ML**

### **Blue-Green Algae Outbreak**

**Health Department are retaining their warning about contact with water from Harvey Dam for the present although readings have fallen a lot.**

### **Dam Levels**

**The water levels in the dams in the middle of March are slightly better than this time last year.**

**They remain low in historical terms and we hope for a wet winter.**

**This years figures are shown below with last years levels at the same time shown in brackets.**

**Waroona – 9554 ML (4426 ML)  
Harvey – 23817 ML (16788 ML)  
Collie – 78329 ML ( 56911 ML)**

### **Harvey Visitor Centre**

**Take a look at the Harvey Water display complete with video and brochures at the Harvey Visitor Centre near Governor Stirling's Cottage on the SW Highway.**

### **Centre Pivot Trial**

**Harvey Water is supporting a trial which compares traditional surface irrigation with centre pivot sprinkler irrigation.**

**The trial is being run on the Hanks property on Government Rd in Harvey.**

**Dale Hanks reports some early results as being that :**

- **he spends a lot less time on irrigation with the centre pivot and**
- **his cows only need about half as much area under the pivot compared to surface irrigation.**

**The pivot operates under head pressure from the piped water supply installed by Harvey Water.**

### **Early Germination**

**Anyone intending to early germinate this year is advised to make sure that their head ditches are in good shape to allow water flow.**

**We have already had a couple of cases where the head ditch has been choked with weeds and has blocked the water, causing flooding and inefficient watering.**

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