



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## TOLL FREE NUMBER

Harvey Water has introduced a Toll Free number for ordering water.

The new number is

**1800 998 103**

It is immediately available and we suggest you make the change now although the old number will be available for a short time.

## 2004/5 SEASON OPENING

The season will be open to take orders from 4 October due to the prolonged dry spell since early September.

Stock water orders can also be placed.

We will operate the system to maximise delivery efficiency and minimise losses. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

## DAM LEVELS & ALLOCATIONS

Overall the dams are just a bit worse than they were at this time last year and the driest September in over 30 years has not helped.

As usual, the situation is worst in Harvey and we have taken some steps to assist in that district.

The allocation for 2004/5 will be announced in early November and at this stage we anticipate it will be no better than last year.

Year to date (11/10/04) figures for the dams compared to last year in brackets (10/03) are:

Waroona 17 GL ( 17 GL)  
Harvey 51 GL ( 55 GL)  
Collie 132 GL (121 GL)

## WATER TRADE REGISTER

There will shortly be on our website ([www.harveywater.com.au](http://www.harveywater.com.au)) the details of irrigators in both the Harvey and Waroona districts who may have water to trade.

As approved at the last AGM the company rules have been changed to allow this to happen.

Irrigators wanting to buy water are encouraged to consult this list. It is also available at the Harvey Water office.

The Voluntary Register of water buyers and sellers will continue to operate.

## WELLINGTON SALINITY

Progress with action on Wellington salinity continues to be slow but steady. We are confident that funding will be made available for the project and design works are now underway.

We remain cautiously optimistic that there will be real on-ground action in time for next winter.

We believe that the decision makers are finally accepting that it is not logical to have the largest water storage in the SW, remaining not much good for irrigation or drinking, when they are



spending huge amounts of capital on water supply schemes elsewhere.

### **Pipelines & Water Trade**

Our negotiations on the possibility of trading water delivery savings for funding for piping is progressing well. We have received good recognition for the common sense opportunity it represents.

We have presented the project to a very wide range of people & stakeholders and have had nothing but good support.

We are following closely the Commonwealth Government's campaign offer to provide funding for the project.

Given the dry finish to the winter it is likely that Harvey Water will ask for a further meeting with irrigators in October to discuss the trade off between a lower allocation and an early start to the piping system.

The guidance of shareholders will be sought to decide the final nature of the trade offer, particularly the volume of water we are prepared to guarantee in the next 3 years.

### **Irrigation Review**

The Irrigation Review has presented an interim report which mainly focussed on the inadequate funding of the

Department of Environment. DoE manages water in WA and issues the licences to Harvey Water.

It was very pleasing to see that the report also recommended that the trade of savings and piping of the irrigation area should be supported.

### **Occupational Health & Safety**

Irrigators are advised that the issue of fatigue for Water Controllers during the hot, busy months is a concern for Harvey Water as an employer. We understand that irrigators also get fatigued at the same time but the cooperative has important responsibilities to its employees.

One of the ways to counteract the broken sleep problems is to plan deliveries more carefully so that changes aren't necessary during the middle of the night. This may mean that irrigators may not get the same high level of service as before. We will be aiming to get as much work done as possible between early morning and late evening, without letting water run to waste.

Thank you for your understanding of this important issue.

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