



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## **COMBINED WATER AUCTION & FIELD DAY 4 February 2009**

This year's water auction will be held at the Wokalup Campus of the Harvey College of Agriculture. It will be combined with a Field Day to bring irrigators up to date with the research work comparing different irrigation systems.

Free lunch and drink provided.

**AUCTION: 11.00 am**

**LUNCH: 12.30 pm**

**FIELD DAY: 1.00 – 2.30 pm**

Remember you have until 28 January to register your water for sale.

Water trade conditions have changed slightly from previous years. Logue district has ceased to exist as a separate district and is now integrated into Harvey district.

Permanent trade is not possible between districts but temporary trade can occur both ways between Harvey and Waroona. Water temporarily traded in is at the same percentage as in the receiving district.

The Field Day will explain early results relating to the issues with

setting up, the efficiency of water distribution and preliminary pasture measurements. Company reps will be on site to answer questions.

### **CRISP PROGRESS**

CRISP is moving along according to plan and Collie irrigators will shortly receive a document updating them on progress and seeking their comments. The full progress report will also be available on our web-site.

At least one meeting will be held where irrigators can exchange views and ideas.

Harvey Water encourages Collie irrigators to promote the importance of the salinity reduction project in the Upper Collie Basin when you may be talking to influential friends on all sides of politics because of its importance to CRISP and the future of irrigation in the district.

### **SAFETY FOR WATER CONTROLLERS**

It is very important for the Cooperative to provide a safe working environment for our staff, particularly your Water Controllers.

It would be appreciated if irrigators could pay attention to the following matters please.

We need a clearance of at least 500 mm around Supply Points when installing hot wires.



**We ask you to keep Water Controller Supply Point access areas clear of hazards**

**When you are carrying out your spraying programs can you please remember to spray around the Supply Points too?**

**LOGUE BROOK PIPELINE**

We are making good progress with the preliminaries associated with constructing this essential piece of infrastructure. Our expectation is that it will be in place for the 2010/11 irrigation season. We will then have excellent gravity pressure throughout the system.

**DRAKESBROOK DAM WORKS**

**Water Corporation will be carrying out safety upgrade works on Drakesbrook dam this autumn/winter. The dam will be emptied by 1 April but other arrangements are in place to pump water to Waroona irrigators. The works will result in better pressure in the system for Waroona irrigators.**

**BENGER PIPELINE**

After a delay to the start of works, the BPP is now moving along nicely. We are working around the back of the high school now so that this work is complete to reduce any risks before the kids return to school.

**ANOTHER AWARD FOR HARVEY WATER**

**At the recent Australian Water Association (WA) Awards Harvey Water was very pleased to receive the Construction Award for 2008 for the Harvey Pipe Project. This makes five awards that the project has received.**

**DIRECTORS**

After the 2008 AGM we were sad to farewell our two external Directors. Lloyd Guthrey served the company exceptionally well over the past 11 years and made a significant difference.

Tim Humphry provided high level engineering experience as Chairman of the HPP Steering Committee. He played a major role in delivering the project on time and on budget. A result, he remarked, that less than 10% of projects of that size actually achieve.

We welcome Mike Snell who replaces Lloyd as the external Director with finance and broad business skills and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship.

**ORDERING WATER (3 day rule)**

**It seems odd after 12 years but there are still a handful of irrigators who are not ordering their water at least 3 days before they want it.**

**It is both selfish to other irrigators and unrealistic to ring a Water Controller the day before you want water and demand delivery.**

**The Directors are firm that this is not acceptable behaviour and will support management all the way if your demand is refused.**

**Please cooperate for everyone's benefit.**

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