



The Harvey Water "Furphy"

IRRIGATION SEASON 2009/10 ALLOCATIONS

The allocations for 2009/10 are:

Waroona	85%
Harvey	85%
Collie	100%

Harvey irrigators may be a little surprised by this allocation if they have been following the level of water in the Harvey dam which got to about 92% full this winter and were expecting more.

There are a few problems with this:

- The allocation is set on the basis of available water in Logue Brook, Harvey, Stirling dams and the transfer which comes from both the Wokalup Pipehead dam and the Bengier pipeline.
- Harvey Water does not own all the water in Harvey dam and Logue Brook dams; part of it is currently owned by Water Corporation and we are negotiating this matter.
- After all the calculations had been made the volume of water available for allocation in the Harvey district was 47 400 ML.
- Our license in Harvey is for 56900 ML so we are under there.
- The allocation is set on the basis of dividing the volume of water by the number of TWE in Harvey and, as previously advised, our policy is to take a slightly conservative approach, which resulted in 85% being set.

Some background data for the Harvey Irrigation District that may interest irrigators is that over the past 13 seasons our allocations in Harvey have averaged 83% with a high of 100% and a low of 60%.

The average annual inflow has been dropping quickly and now provides an average of only about 68% of our licensed entitlement.

So over the longer term we should expect to see lower allocations compared to the 100% that we had for the 4 years from 1996/7. In fact, given the predictions about lower rainfall/run-off we should adjust our expectations to 100% allocations being unlikely from now on.

We have previously advised our intention to manage Waroona and Harvey districts as one area because of the efficiencies we can obtain from the pipe system so the allocations are the same for both districts.

Trade

Temporary trades are possible between the Harvey and Waroona districts but permanent trades will not be possible for a few years yet.

The Logue Brook district has ceased to exist as a separate supply system and will be run within the Harvey/Waroona system.

Please refer any queries about allocations to the Harvey Office.



Logue Brook Pipeline

As you drive north along the South West Highway towards Yarloop you will see pipe works on both sides of the road.

This is the connection of the Logue Brook Pipeline from the dam to the Harvey Pipe system.

The work is expected to take 5 months to complete the 5 km, \$10m pipeline from the dam. It is a critical piece of infrastructure because the Logue Brook dam will provide most of the gravity pressure needed to drive the water distribution system.

Visitors to Logue Brook dam are requested to take care when travelling up the road to the dam and cooperate with the traffic management people.

New features for OSI

We have recently completed an upgrade of the OSI system to give you more control of your water orders.

One of the main features of the upgrade is the 'over allocation alert'. The 'over allocation alert' allows you to still place the order but warns you that you are over allocation and will need to 'trade in' water before the next invoice run.

We have also provided the ability for you to cancel a water order, the ability to modify an order has always been available but now you are able to cancel water orders, and not just during office hours. For example once you have placed an order you can phone OSI, up to 24 hours before the

requested date of delivery and cancel the order. An email will then be sent to the Harvey Water office along with your cancellation details.

These same features are also available for OSI On-line.

If you would like to register for OSI On-line please contact the Harvey Water office on 9729 0100. You won't need to contact us if you have previously registered as your registration remains current. However if you have forgotten your password please contact the office for assistance.

Wellington dam salinity

We are waiting for a review report to be considered by the Minister for Water before we will know when the diversion works in the Upper Collie Basin will start.

Collie River Irrigation System Project

The Federal Government advises that they are assessing all the reports they have received – about 20 – and are not in a position to inform us about our project proposal yet.

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