



# The Harvey Water "Furphy"

## WATER AUCTION 2010

Harvey Water's Auction for 2010 will be held at the Harvey Water offices in James Stirling Place on Wednesday 10 February at 10.30 am.

Irrigators are invited to register their interest in selling or buying water by Close of Business on 3 February 2010. Forms are available from the Harvey Office.

The conditions of the auction are as previously advised including the following:

- All debts by buyer or seller must be cleared before a trade can be completed.
- Temporary trades are expected to be completed on the day.
- Permanent trades are expected to be completed within two weeks
- Allocations for 2009/10 are 85% for both Waroona and Harvey districts.
- Water may be transferred temporarily both ways between Harvey and Waroona districts.



## LOGUE BROOK DAM CONNECTION

Everything within Harvey Water's control is on target for the connection of the gravity supply from the Logue Brook dam to the irrigation system by end of March 2010 at the latest.

Harvey Water apologises to all the irrigators who have struggled with the fluctuating pressure from the pumps which have been quite unreliable but also lack the flexibility to respond quickly and easily to changes in demand.

It has been tough for irrigators but also tough for our Water Controllers who have been out at all hours of the day and night each day for the past couple of seasons to try to keep the service up to the usual high standard.

Should you have any difficulties with pressure, could you please contact your Water Controller in the first instance as they will have more up to date information than the office. Thank you.

It is nearly all over and we are really looking forward to operating the system under gravity pressure.

## SALINITY REDUCTION IN WELLINGTON DAM

Collie River Irrigation District irrigators are aware that the significant, long term reduction in salinity in Wellington dam is the key priority for Harvey Water at present.

The company has been working closely with Department of Water to plan and organise a method whereby this can happen. Previous trial diversions into



coal mining voids were successful in reducing salt but have run into problems with heavy metal contamination of the water.

Funding for the project has been provided under the National Project for Water Quality and Salinity with \$15 million each from the Federal and State governments. Also, prior to the last Federal election, Senator Wong, the Minister for Water promised a further \$10 million for this project provided it was matched by another \$10 million in WA.

The project is called the Collie River Salinity Recovery Project. (CRSRP)

Harvey Water has decided to invest in this project rather than sit on the sidelines without any real influence and has advised government that it is prepared to provide a significant financial contribution to help match the Minister for Water's offer. With this contribution Harvey Water expects to be able to have some influence on the concepts and designs underpinning the CRSRP.

Harvey Water's clear goal is to secure the long term continuous removal of salt water before it reaches the Wellington dam thereby improving the water quality for irrigators.

There are several ways in which lowering salinity can be achieved but Harvey Water believes the simplest and cheapest way is to capture the high salt low volume slug as it occurs in autumn/early winter and to dispose of it into the sea via a dedicated pipeline.

It is expected that final decisions on the project details will become clear by the middle of the year, at the latest.

Recent developments in the Upper Collie Basin are unfortunate but are not

expected to affect the start of the CRSRP in 2010.

## **PAYING YOUR BILLS**

Harvey Water reminds irrigators that there are a number of simple ways to pay your monthly water bill.

We would like to offer B Pay but we are told we are too small. Sorry.

If you would like to use the simplicity and speed of an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) then please contact the office for our bank details.

If you are having troubles in paying your bill, please contact the office so that we can discuss payment plans that may better suit your budget arrangements. Remember the staff are here to help you, not to make things difficult.

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