



Thursday 31 March 2016

## **Irrigators granted extension for water use efficiency assessments and urged to attend upcoming development workshops**

An additional week has been added to the deadline for Irrigated Farm Water Use Efficiency Assessments (IFWUEA), for North West NSW irrigators wishing to apply to Round 7 of the Sustaining the Basin Irrigated Farm Modernisation (STBIFM) program.

Those irrigators in the Lower Namoi, NSW Border Rivers and Barwon Darling catchments now have until Friday 22 April 2016 to get their IFWUEA submitted, which will allow more people to take up the farm planning opportunity and benefit from planned workshops.

Irrigators are urged to RSVP to the upcoming development workshops being held next week from Monday 4 April – Thursday 7 April 2016.

Eligible irrigators and their consultants are invited to come along to work through the IFWUEA process and learn about the changes to the program for Round 7.

Workshops are planned for:

Monday 4 April: Bourke 3pm

Tuesday 5 April: Walgett at 9am, Narrabri at 2pm

Wednesday 6 April: Goondiwindi at 8am, Mungindi at 3pm

Thursday 7 April: Moree at 8am, Gunnedah at 2pm

To attend a workshop, RSVP to [ifm.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ifm.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 6938 1966.

Irrigators right across the northern Murray Darling Basin in NSW may now apply for a reimbursement of up to \$2,000 for the preparation of an IFWUEA.

IFWUEAs help identify and quantify on-farm water losses. Irrigators can then use that information to look at options to improve their on-farm efficiency.

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For more information about the STBIFM program and the latest funding round, please visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/info/sustainingthebasin](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/info/sustainingthebasin) or contact your local project officer.

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