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Maximising recreational water benefits

GWMWater...keeping you up to date on the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project

A Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Community Reference Group has its focus firmly set on maximising the benefits of recreational water available through the pipeline project.

The 12-member community reference group, chaired by GWMWater Board member Jenny Grigg, had its third meeting in Warracknabeal last week.

Workshop

One of the main outcomes of the meeting was planning for a workshop in May to collate background information on the 11 recreational lakes that will receive water from the new pipeline.

Management arrangements at each lake, infrastructure development and water efficiency will be on the workshop agenda.

Workshop attendees will include representatives from the community reference group, Local Government, the Wimmera Mallee Recreation Water Alliance, GWMWater, Catchment Management Authorities, Parks Victoria and the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Environmental water

Water allocations to the environment were also up for discussion, with Catchment Management Authority representatives presenting information to the group on Environmental Water Reserve management.

Tender timetable

The group was also updated on the pipeline's tender timetable by Project Director Clive Perrett. The project will call for tenders for the first stage of construction in late April 2006.

Group members

GWMWater formed the community reference group late last year to ensure continued community input into developing the pipeline project.

Group members are:

- Gary Aitken, Horsham
- Debbie Borden, Donald
- Lyn Boyle, Watchem
- Jan Chivell, Birchip
- Ross Cook, Hopetoun
- David Drage, Warracknabeal
- Robert Loats, Minyip
- Denise McLellan, Horsham
- John Noone, Warracknabeal

Other members are
GWMWater Chief Executive
Officer Peter McManamon
and Mr Perrett.



*Lake Batyo Catyo's deserted picnic area,
which now overlooks a dry lake bed.
Batyo Catyo is one of the recreational lakes
that will receive a top-up water supply through
the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project.*



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