



## IRRIGATION MODERNISATION GRANT WORKSHOPS

Irrigators with general security water entitlements operating in the NSW Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi/Peel and Macquarie/Cudgegong water management areas are eligible for grants to undertake irrigation modernisation on their farms.

NSW DPI has invited irrigators to a series of community meetings to give information on the *NSW Sustaining the Basin: Irrigated Farm Modernisation project* (STBIFM), funded by the Commonwealth's Water for the Future initiative.

With Round two funding applications closing on April 30, interested irrigators and their advisors are encouraged to attend the meetings to receive current information on the process and timeframes to apply for planning and infrastructure modernisation funding and the training opportunities available.

### **The workshops will be held at:**

- Goondiwindi (NSW Border Rivers & Gwydir) Thursday 21 March 2013 7.30 – 9.30 am (Queensland time) Goondiwindi Training & Technology Centre, 15-21 Russel St.
- Gunnedah (Peel & Namoi) Thursday 21 March 2013 4 – 6 pm Gunnedah Bowling Club 313 Conadilly St.
- Narromine (Macquarie & Cudgegong) Friday 22 March 2013 12 noon – 3 pm Narromine United Services Club.

A first funding round closed in November last year, with 32 out of 70 irrigators successful in receiving funding across the Macquarie, Namoi/Peel and Border Rivers regions.

NSW DPI Project Leader Rod Jackson said there had been a good response to Round one.

“Generally the applications were pretty good and represented a wide range of activities including the installation of centre pivots, storage reconstructions, pump station upgrades, supply channel upgrades and subsurface drip systems through to field redevelopment,” he said.

“This is a positive outcome for both irrigators and the local regions and I would encourage other irrigators to submit an Eligibility Check Request form and consider participating in Round two.”

#### Further information

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