

NSW SUSTAINING THE BASIN *Irrigated farm modernisation*

Update Bulletin 30

October 2015

What's on this month

- [Round 6 is closing soon](#)
 - [Irrigation Automation Tour](#)
 - [Certification of Meter Installers and Validators](#)
 - [Project Officers](#)
-

Round 6 is closing soon

The closing date for Round 6 infrastructure applications for the STBIFM program is fast approaching. Eligible irrigators are encouraged to get their applications prepared and submitted as soon as possible.

The closing date for Round 6 submissions is 5pm, Friday 30 October 2015.

REMINDER: When posting your submission, please ensure it is clearly stamped with the date it is sent.

For more information please see the [Round 6 guidelines](#).

Irrigation Automation Tour

Dates: Monday 30 November to Thursday 3 December 2015

Location: Shepparton VIC to Griffith NSW.

Places visited will include:

- Rubicon Farm and Factory Tour, Shepparton,
- Padman Stops, Strathmerton,
- Farm visits at Coleambally and Griffith,
- A visit to the IREC field station at Whitton.

The 2015 Cotton Irrigation Automation Tour provides an opportunity for you to see automation technologies being used in the southern irrigation area.

COST: \$450 per person, including travel (coach from Shepparton to Griffith), accommodation and meals.

RSVP: Contact our team at IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au by Monday 26 October 2015 to register.

View the [CottonInfo page](#) (www.cottoninfo.com.au) for more information.

Certification of Meter Installers and Validators

STBIFM provides an excellent opportunity to have the cost of installing a meter funded as part of your project application.

Under the National Water Initiative irrigators will soon require an appropriate meter to be installed on their property. As a result, it is a requirement of all STBIFM funded projects to have meters that comply with NSW Interim Water Meter Standards ([Office of Water website – Meter Standards](#)).

To ensure certified meter installers and validators are available to assist irrigators in the northern Murray Darling Basin area, the STBIFM program has worked with Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) and Water Training Australia to deliver a two day Metering Certification training course for meter service providers.

Thirteen people attended the training in Narrabri

(23-24 September 2015) and all reported they are now in a good position to provide the necessary metering services.

A certified meter installer is able to:

- Select a water meter for a site and specify the parameters for the pipework,
- Validate the meter which has been supplied is correct,
- Oversee the installation and validate the meter is operating according to the standards,
- Check Pattern Approval and manufacturers specifications to ensure compliance.

Irrigation Australia maintains a listing of currently registered Certified Meter installers:

<http://bit.ly/CertifiedIrrigationProfessionals>



A complaint meter (Photo: Courtesy of Mace: Water Metering Solutions)

For more information on meters, please see our [Metering Fact Sheet](#).

Project Officers

Please contact our friendly project officers for further information on elements of the program or for assistance in completing your application.



[Peter Verwey](#) ACRI Narrabri (M) 0409 812 497



[Bill Williamson](#), DPI Dubbo (M) 0427 660 618

For more detailed information on any aspect of the program please send an email to IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/info/sustainingthebasin

NSW Sustaining the Basin: Irrigated Farm Modernisation (STBIFM) program is funded by the Australian Government's 'Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure' Program, as part of the implementation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan in NSW.

The bulletin will keep interested stakeholders informed of key dates and activities for the duration of the program. It will also alert you to opportunities for training and learning more about emerging issues and technologies.

DPI encourages you to be involved and stay informed using this service. You can, of course, unsubscribe at any time.

© State of New South Wales through Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development 2015. You may copy, distribute and otherwise freely deal with this publication for any purpose, provided that you attribute the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development as the owner.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (September 2015). However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information upon which they rely is up to date and to check currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the Department of Primary Industries or the user's independent adviser.

Published by the Department of Primary Industries, a part of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

INT15/109442