

NSW SUSTAINING THE BASIN *Irrigated farm modernisation*

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What's on this month?

- Closing date for Round 8 funding
- Subsidy available for the IAL, Irrigation Pumps Training Course, Moree
- IAL Conference news and photos
- 2016 Cotton Conference trade display

Round 8 Closing Date

Irrigators that have submitted a Round 8 IFWUEA for verification, have until **Friday 1 July 2016** to lodge their application for Round 8 infrastructure funding.

Irrigation Pump Training Course (IAL) – subsidy available

STBIFM is strengthening the capacity of irrigators, and providing opportunities to learn from leading industry experts and industry advisors across a range of technical areas.

We are working with IAL and bringing a two day, irrigation pumps course to Moree on the 13th and 14th July.

NSW DPI will contribute \$620 per person towards the cost of this workshop for eligible participants. To be eligible, individuals must be associated with the irrigation industry of northern NSW.

To confirm your eligibility for the subsidy, please contact the STBIFM team on (02) 6938 1966, or ifm.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au. For further information, please see the attached flier.

IAL Conference News and Photos

NSW DPI was a proud sponsor of the recent 2016 IAL Conference in Melbourne. This sponsorship provided an opportunity for STBIFM to have a presence at the convention

STBIFM program leader, Dr Michael Grabham, and project officers, Pete Verwey and Bill Williamson, presented aspects of the STBIFM program to the 300 conference delegates. We also shared a site at the Agritech trade hall exhibition and attracted 1365 visitors.

The conference was a great opportunity for the team to showcase the STBIFM program, and learn from other delivery agencies about their successes, and the lessons they have learnt from.

It was also a chance to seek feedback from the irrigation industry on the value and opportunities of various aspects of the program.

Training and Resources

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage is offering training and resources to help farm businesses improve energy efficiency, including workshops for farmers to reduce electricity and diesel costs.

For further information, please visit their website: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/efficient-agribusiness-irrigation.htm>

18th Australian Cotton Conference

STBIFM will have a trade display site at this year's Australian Cotton Conference.

The team will be available for cotton growers to discuss their infrastructure options, as well as sharing information about training and capacity building activities.

We're looking forward to learning about the industry's irrigation infrastructure and training needs, and identifying where the STBIFM program can help.

If you think there is someone else who would be interested in hearing about STBIFM news, please feel free to forward this email to them.

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