

NSW SUSTAINING THE BASIN *Irrigated farm modernisation*

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Round 6 funding is available

Funding Round 6 opened on Wednesday 19 August 2015.

The closing date for submission of Infrastructure Applications for Round 6 is 5pm, Friday 30 October 2015.

Irrigators wishing to submit an application for funding must have a DPI verified Irrigated Farm Water Use Efficiency Assessment (IFWUEA).

Irrigators who need to prepare an IFWUEA must submit it to DPI no later than **Thursday 1 October 2015**.

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

RSVP to our IFWUEA Workshops in September

Irrigated Farm Water Use Efficiency Assessment (IFWUEA) workshops:

Thurs 17 Sept 2015 – Narrabri – 9am-11am

Thurs 17 Sept 2015 – Goondiwindi – 1-3pm

Friday 18 Sept 2015 – Bourke – 9.30am-11am

STBIFM will be holding three Irrigated Farm Water Use Efficiency Assessment (IFWUEA) workshops in September.

Irrigators and consultants are strongly urged to attend to learn the IFWUEA process and how to complete a comprehensive water loss assessment that has the best possible chance of DPI verification.

The first workshop will be held on Thursday 17 September at the Australian Cotton Research Institute, Wee Waa Road, Narrabri, between 9am-11am.

The second workshop will be held on Thursday 17 September at Goondiwindi Gateway To Training Centre, 15-21 Russell Street, Goondiwindi, from 1pm-3pm.

The third workshop will be held on Friday 18 September at the Port of Bourke Hotel, 32 Mitchell Street, Bourke, from 9.30am-11am.

If you would like to attend one of our workshops, please RSVP your attendance to IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au or to **(02) 6938 1991** by **Monday 14 September 2015** and specify which location you would like to attend.

Training opportunities not to be missed

**Metering Certification training:
Wed 23 September 2015 to Thursday 24
September 2015 Narrabri**

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), through the STBIFM program, is teaming up with Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) to boost the availability of certified irrigation meter installers and validators in the NSW northern Murray Darling Basin.

The training is to be conducted over two days at the Australian Cotton Research Institute, Wee Waa Road, Narrabri on Wednesday 23 September and Thursday 24 September 2015.

The STBIFM program is offering to cover 75 per cent of the Certified Meter Validators and Installers course fees for those wishing to undertake this training and who fulfil the following criteria for eligibility.

Subsidised funding will be provided at the discretion of NSW DPI to an individual or business who:

- Is an irrigation services or supply business with an office in northern inland NSW
- Has done installation work on water meters
- Has provided quotes to STBIFM participants for water metering
- Is willing and able to complete the practical component of the course.

If you are interested in metering certification training please email us to confirm your interest and your details regarding the eligibility criteria at IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au

**Irrigation Automation Tour:
November/December 2015**

NSW DPI and CottonInfo are organising a three-day tour of southern NSW and northern Victoria in late November/early December 2015 for cotton growers and consultants to see irrigation automation in action.

The draft itinerary involves visits to both Rubicon Water at Shepparton and Padman Stops at Strathmerton to see the latest automation technology; visits to dairy and cropping farms in

northern Victoria to see fully-automated irrigation systems in action; and a visit to farms in the Griffith district where automation has been adopted.

If you are interested in attending the tour, please contact our team at IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au to register your details.



Lateral move system. Image:S.Catorall

STBIFM at AgQuip

The STBIFM team recently attended the AgQuip Field Days in Gunnedah and spoke with irrigators about the new funding round and upcoming training opportunities.

The STBIFM stand was visited by the Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, on Wednesday 19 August 2015 where the announcement of Round 6 funding opportunities was made.



Minister Niall Blair, Irrigator James Barlow, STBIFM Leader Michael Grabham. Image:S.Catorall

The team was able to discuss with irrigators opportunities for them to save water on-farm and boost their productivity, and welcomed feedback about upcoming training opportunities.

If you have feedback on training opportunities you would like to participate in, please email us at IFM.info@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Project Officer contacts

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



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

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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.

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