



Media Statement

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Blackwood meetings to discuss salinity drainage systems

The use of large-scale and regional drainage systems to counter salinity in the Blackwood catchment will be the subject of three local public meetings later this month.

The free meetings will consider the findings of the Blackwood Regional Drainage and Water Management Evaluation.

“This study assessed a range of options – including large-scale drainage systems – to improve the management of water resources in the catchment,” Department of Water Manager Salinity and Water Resource Recovery Tim Sparks said.

“The aim was to identify better ways for farmers, catchment managers and the community to manage dryland salinity, reclaim valuable agricultural land and to lower salinity in the Blackwood River.

The Department of Water and CSIRO are conducting the information sessions, which will be co-hosted by the Blackwood Basin Group.

Two of the sessions will be on 30 July – at **Wagin** from 9am-noon at the Eric Farrow Pavilion and **Moodiarup** from 2pm-5pm, at the sports complex.

The third session will be on 31 July at **Bridgetown** from 9am-noon, at the Lesser Hall.

For more information or to book a place, contact Jane Filmer at the Department of Water on (08) 6364 7809 or email Jane.Filmer@water.wa.gov.au.

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