



Media Statement

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\$1.5 million Fence Road drainage project showcased at Dumbleyung field day

The fight against salinity in the Shire of Dumbleyung has had a major boost with the construction of a 55 km long pilot drainage scheme.

The newly completed Fence Road arterial drainage scheme is expected to attract a good turn out at an open day at Dumbleyung on Wednesday April 23.

The open day will include a tour of the project site taking in four key locations that showcase various aspects of the scheme.

The Department of Water's Manager of Salinity and Water Resource Recovery, Tim Sparks, said the tour would take in examples of both combined surface and groundwater drains' and separated groundwater drains. It would include a water monitoring gauging station, road crossings, farm crossings, fencing, crop productivity trial and a variety of water conveyance features.

"Attendees will be given a comprehensive run down on the project including information on environmental impact studies and the wide range of planning and assessment tasks required prior to commencing the construction, monitoring, engineering aspects and governance arrangements for the project," Mr Sparks said.

"The project is one of several developed by the Dumbleyung Water Management Strategy Steering Committee with support from the Department of Water. A committee was formed in early 2000 to develop an Integrated Water Management and Drainage Strategy for the Dumbleyung Landcare Zone.

"The Shire of Dumbleyung and landowners received \$1.5 million from the South West Catchments Council through the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP), for construction of the scheme."

"The field day will provide excellent coverage of the work being undertaken by the department, the Dumbleyung Water Management Strategy Steering Committee, the Shire of Dumbleyung and the South West Catchments Council NAP funded project."

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