Macquarie - Cudgegong valley information sessions

WaterNSW recently held public information sessions in Warren, Narromine, Dubbo and Mudgee to provide more information on the current drought situation, forecast conditions and how WaterNSW is managing the next stages for the worst drought on record.

With unprecedented weather conditions, a scenario with zero inflows was presented to the local community, irrigators and businesses, preparing them for a potential end of water supply from March 2020. A targeted session was also held with local councils in the region.

The community were also updated on the bulk water transfer currently underway between Windamere and Burrendong Dam, which is part of the plan to continue the supply of water to meet allocations and the critical needs of the valley.

Without the dams and infrastructure in place it was explained that the river system would have been dry about 18 months earlier.

Members of the community had the opportunity to ask questions and raise any concerns. Attendees acknowledged they had a better understanding and assurance of allocations being delivered until the end June 2019 and the plans moving forward. For more information visit waternsw.com.au.
Buying or selling a property with an existing work approval

When buying or selling a property with an existing work approval, you are not required to do anything. The work approval automatically transfers when the transfer of land title is registered at NSW Land Registry Services (LRS).

If you have purchased a property with a work approval for purposes other than stock and/or domestic, you will need to check with your solicitor as to whether the water entitlement was included in the contract of sale. If so, your solicitor needs to be aware that the title for the water access licence (WAL) needs to be transferred at NSW LRS at the same time as the land.

I've sold my property - why am I still receiving a bill?

If you are still receiving a bill after selling your property, it means that the transfer of the title for your Water Access Licence (WAL) has not been completed by the solicitor as part of the settlement.

In order to transfer your WAL to the purchaser, you will need to lodge a transfer application form - 71M direct with NSW Land Registry Services (LRS). Until this happens, you will remain the holder of the WAL and continue to be billed.

Have your say on WaterNSW

We will be calling for nominations for representation on our Customer Advisory Groups (CAGs) across rural and metro NSW in February and March 2019. CAGs are an important forum to regularly consult, on an area basis, with a broad-cross section of our customers on issues relevant to our performance and delivery of services to customers.

Topics covered in our CAG meetings include water operations, regulatory items impacting customers, maintenance in your local area affecting water delivery, drought updates and other related topics involved in WaterNSW discharging our responsibilities.

Nominations for the 2019-22 term will be open for the Barwon-Darling, Coastal-Hunter, Greater Sydney, Gwydir, Lachlan, Macquarie-Cudgegong, Murrumbidgee, Murray-Lower Darling, Border rivers and Namoi-Peel Customer Advisory Groups. Nominations will close on 29 March 2019. If you are interested in becoming a member on one of our CAGs, please contact Toni Hayes at Cag.Support@waternsw.com.au or visit waternsw.com.au/cag.

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Metering update

The NSW Government last year released a new metering framework for non-urban water meters in NSW. The new meter policy commenced 1 December 2018.

The following measures commence 1 April 2019:
- new requirements for new/replacement meters and faulty meters
- exemptions for inactive works
- data logging and telemetry specifications
- maintenance requirements.

Staged roll-out dates for meter compliance are:
- by 1 December 2019: surface water pumps 500mm or larger
- by 1 December 2020: inland northern regions
- by 1 December 2021: inland southern regions
- by 1 December 2023: coastal regions.

Please also note the regulatory requirements for multiple works (that is, pumps using the same authority or approval).

Works <100mm in diameter do not require meters unless it is a condition of the relevant water sharing plan or your work approval or licence.

Telemetry units are required to be installed in parallel with the above staged roll-out but only for surface water pumps above 200mm.

More information is available at industry.nsw.gov.au/water-reform or you can contact the Water Renewal Taskforce:
water.reform@industry.nsw.gov.au.