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Murrayville Groundwater Area Newsletter

Introduction

This newsletter provides an update to landowners regarding some of the groundwater management activities in the Murrayville area.

Implementation Committee News

The Murrayville Water Supply Protection Area Groundwater Implementation Committee is a GWMWater Board appointed committee. The role of the Implementation Committee is to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues relating to the management of the Murrayville Water Supply Protection Area (WSPA) and to provide advice to GWMWater on the implementation of the Murrayville Groundwater Management Plan.

The Implementation Committee now consists of eight landholder representatives, as well as representatives from the Mildura Rural City Council, Mallee CMA and Department of Primary Industries.

The local landholder representatives are:

- > Kevin Oakley (Chairman)
- > Stephen Brown
- > Kelvin Heintze
- > Robert Lester
- > Joffrey Sporn
- > David Lloyd
- > Darren Ford
- > Peter Willersdorf

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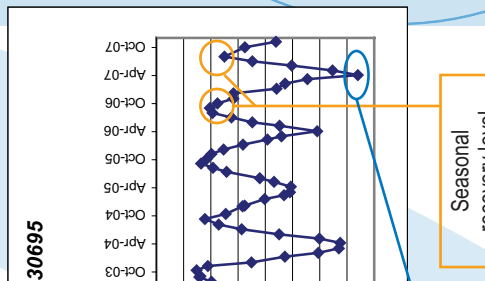
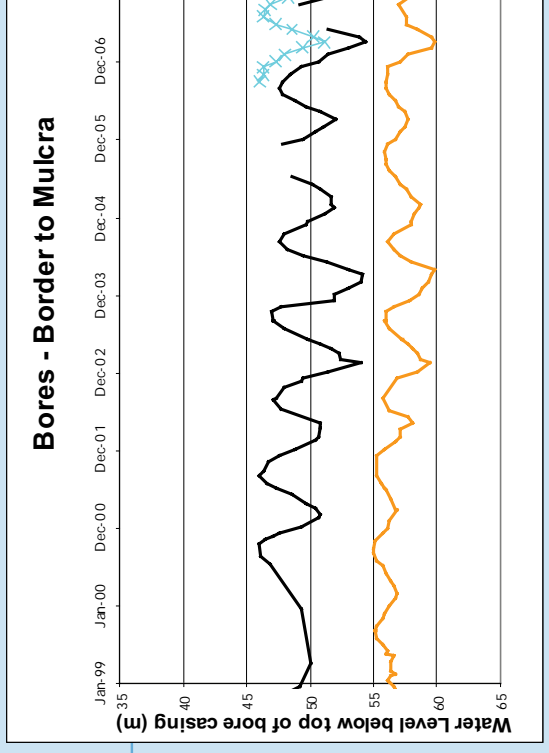
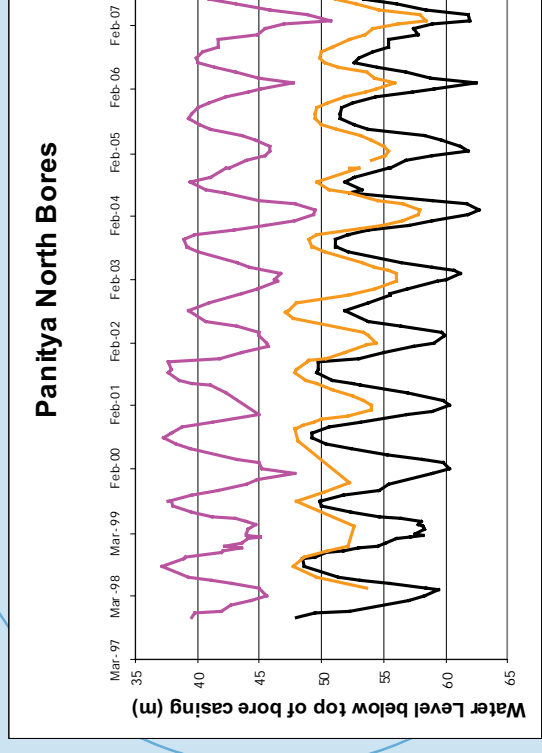
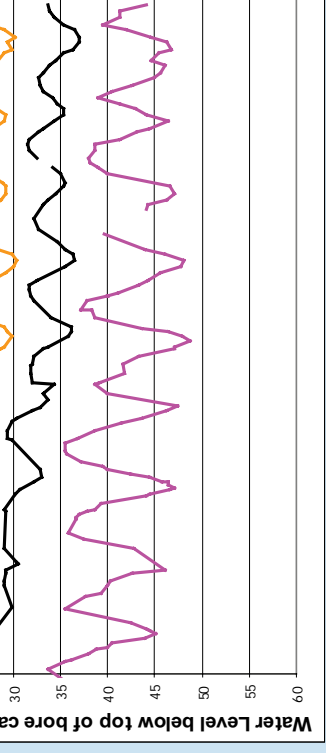
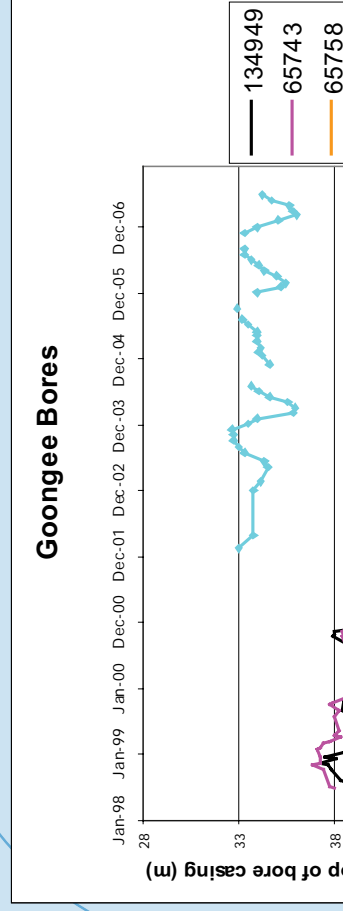
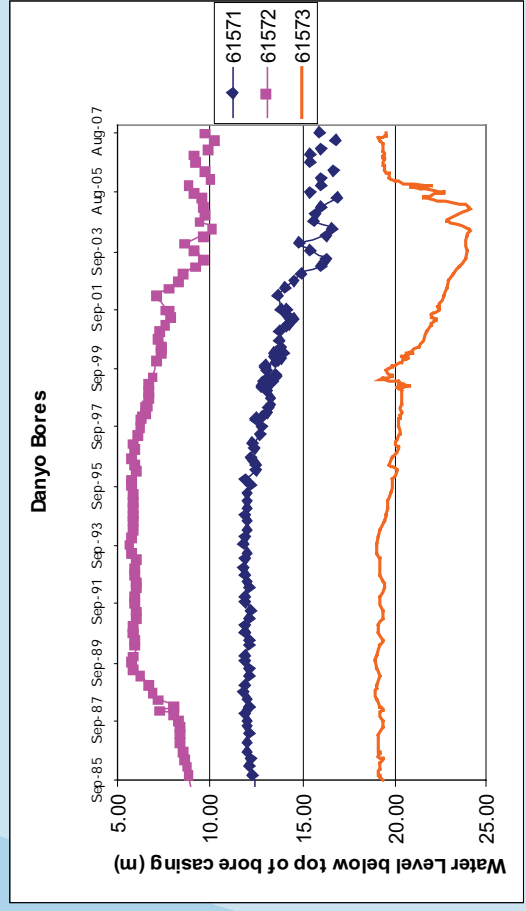
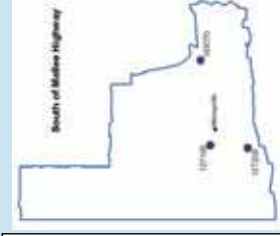
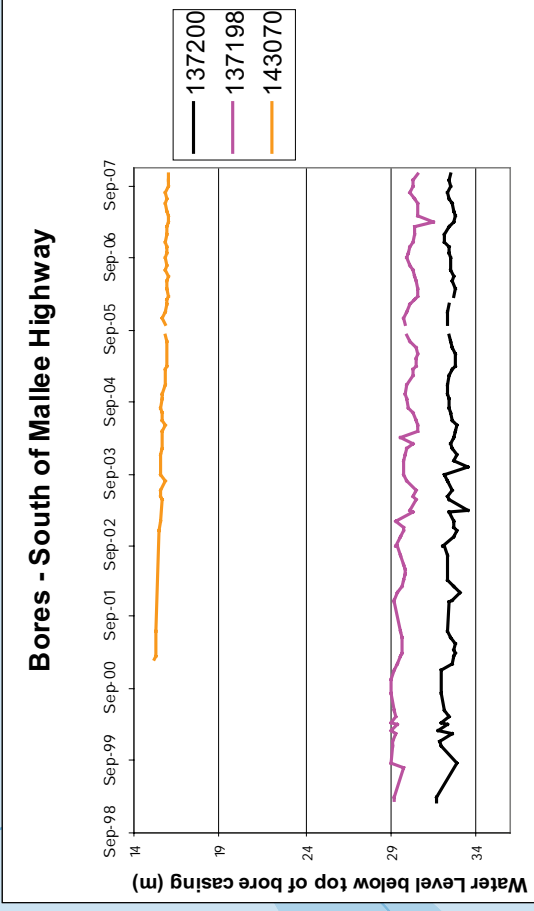
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End-Season Data

Water usage for the 2006-07 season was 5,586 megalitres which was 55.9% of the allocated volume (9,993 megalitres). Usage for the 2005-06 season was 4,099 megalitres or 41% of the allocated volume.

All water meters in the Murrayville WSPA have now been replaced and most have radio frequency devices fitted to enable remote reading of meters. This will increase efficiencies of data collection, minimise vehicle travel in sensitive areas and enable increased frequency of monitoring.

Domestic and Stock Survey

The Murrayville Groundwater Management Plan specifies that the owners of all bores used solely for domestic and stock purposes must provide information on the bores as requested by GMMWater.

The information is used for baseline information to ensure that all extraction points (small or large), are accounted for.

A domestic and stock bore survey will be sent to all landholders in the near future. The survey will ask for information including the approximate location, depth of water level, age, use and approximate volume of water extracted on a yearly basis from a bore.

This information assists understanding of the behaviour of the aquifer, and management of the the total groundwater resource.

Further information

For further information on the Murrayville groundwater area, please contact the Water Resources Group at GMMWater on 1300 659 961 any time during business hours.

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