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# Feasibility: Water Security pipe

GWMWater were busy travelling across the region on Tuesday to provide a face-to-face opportunity for residents to discuss the pros and cons of a West Wimmera Rural Pipeline.

There were around 30 people who attended the first session in Harrow.

This included a mix of landholders desperate to secure a water supply for their property, those who just wanted to understand the project better and some with questions in between.

Local landholder, Tim Leeming said "It all seemed very positive which was great."

Tim is an absolute advocate for landholders to consider connecting to a pipeline.

As a MLA representative, Tim believes that the pipeline is crucial to secure red meat supplies and maintain productivity in South West Victoria.

He said the project offers, "Flexibility for stock and pasture management."

"Reticulation has huge benefits for your farm."

There were also a number of towns people who attended.

According to GWMWater officer Simon

Coutts, they were reported to be largely interested in improvements to the quality and quantity of water available for Harrow.

A number of people from south of the Glenelg River attended, and Simon said GWMWater will work with Southern Grampians shire to gauge further interest there.

Simon said another half dozen interested landholders attended the session in Dergholm.

In Edenhope a small but steady stream attended the session from 3-5.30pm.

Simon outlined that the initial cost to connect is estimated between \$12,000 - \$15,000 based on many comparable pipeline systems.

Once connected there is an annual licence fee and a usage fee that varied from almost \$5000 for a 7000ha property down to \$1200 for 20 ha.

GWMWater have described the project area to be investigated as encompassing the south eastern corner of the West Wimmera Shire, extending from Rocklands Reservoir to Edenhope across to Wombelano and down towards Balmoral. However, the final area will be determined by the ex-

tent of interested landholders.

If sufficient interest in the vicinity of the project area nominated is obtained, a detailed design will take place to provide piped water to the farm gate.

West Wimmera Shire Council will be chairing the community consultative committee for the project.

At this stage the CEO, David Leahy, is the responsible officer.

Expressions of Interest for the pipeline (to GWMWater) and CCC (to WWSC) by 17 February. Find out more or register your EOI at [www.gwmwater.org.au/wwrp](http://www.gwmwater.org.au/wwrp)

## SOCIAL diary

For local community clubs and groups to help avoid a clash of dates. Contact the Advocate for details on having your event listed.

### FEBRUARY

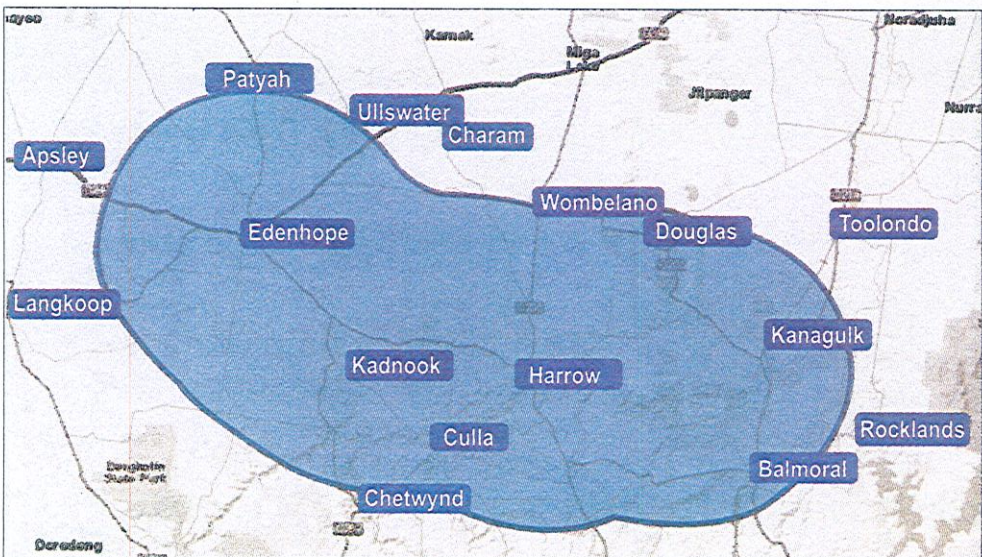
- 10: EAFNC: Cabaret.
- 11: Henley on Lake Wallace.
- 15: Edenhope Bowling Club: Non-bowlers club challenge begins.
- 17-19: Lake Charlegrark Country Music Marathon.
- 24: Edenhope Golf Club: Farmer's Day Golf.
- 26: Apsley Market.

### MARCH

- 10: Red Tail Gallery: Women, Wine and Wetlands Exhibition Opens.
- 10: Vision and Voice: Entertainment Night.
- 11: Edenhope Racing Club: Cup.
- 11: Red Tail Gallery: Pen and Wash Workshop.
- 24-26: West Wimmera Women on Farms Gathering.
- 26: Apsley Market.



▲ GWMWater staff, Judith Russell, Rob Atkins (left) and Simon Coutts and Andrew Rose (right) met locals interested and sceptical of the proposed pipe, including the Futeriels and Anthony Wait.



▲ The initial footprint for investigating the pipeline feasibility. Source GWMWater. (note people outside the footprint are still encouraged to lodge an expression of interest.

# HENLEY ON LAKE WALLACE

- HENLEY PROCESSION • CHA CHA •
- COLOUR THE LAKE FUN RUN •
- TOUR DE HENLEY • SHOW & SHINE •
- CHRIS SPEROU AEROBATIC PILOT •
- FIREWORKS SHOW • SHOW BAGS •
- ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES •
- QUICK SHEAR • YABBY RAFFLE •
- AUSTRALIAN ROLLING PIN THROWING CONTEST •
- LIGHT NIGHT SHOW •
- MASTER & MISS HENLEY CATERING • SIDE SHOWS •
- JUMPING CASTLE •
- LIVE MUSIC • LOADS MORE

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FROM 2PM

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