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## NEWSLETTER

### *Hello to all members*

Firstly last irrigation season had some excellent results with: Megs Pumped – 32366  
Megs Sold – 30,377 and Final Loss – 6% with Evaporation – 3%.

All up a great result with all flume gates/meters and the Scada operational computer system working to our expectations. Robert Sharpe along with Nick Powell and Dale Hennessy doing a great job in monitoring water flows and attending to irrigators requirements.

This year because of (so far) a zero allocation and only limited water available for irrigation it is anticipated that we are going to water in blocks on most Laterals.

**For example:** Lateral 1 (going towards Trangie) where there is around 1000 meg of carry-over, we would probably only send 3 blocks – one at a time over the full season.

Therefore - the amount of water on each lateral is divided into the minimum amount of runs required – this is block watering.

Losses will also commence at 12% because of the small amount of water available. If we happen to get an allocation prior or during the season, we could very well change the way, we intend to pump.

It is important for all members who intend to irrigate to let the office know of your intentions and requirements.

Especially members who have small amounts of irrigation water and no access to a reservoir, there may be some difficulty in supplying water continually to these members, given that we are going to run on a block pumping system.

So please contact the office and explain your plans so we can try to meet your needs.

Sorry about any inconvenience but we have to minimise our losses.

On other matters, NIBM are now set up to do contract fencing, a quote per job can and will be supplied upon request as each fencing job will be different.

Members can call Nick on 0428 895 255 or leave their details with Kim on 6889 1613 (our office).

NIBM staff are currently doing type 2 fencing around channel crossings and road crossings on different laterals.

Patching of the channels is still being done and we also have a few private jobs with earthworks.

Our **New Price List** for the 18-19 Season is available on our Website and has also been emailed out to members. This price came into affect on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 201. Our AGM will again be held late September, all members will be advised of the date via email and it will also be advertised in the local paper.

The Annual Flushing of the Stock and Domestic system has taken place last month by Col Hamilton and Mick Walsh (NIBM), and all is working well. The Observant program that is used for monitoring the S&D monthly water usage and flow rates has been updated and anyone requiring further information on logging into this system is advised to get in contact with Col Hamilton on 0427 890 549.

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