

Burrinjuck Dam celebrates 100 year anniversary: MI customers invited to join in the celebrations



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This week, Burrinjuck Dam celebrates 100 years since the commencement of construction in 1909.

Burrinjuck Dam is one of the two Snowy storages that supply's the MIA with water for both town and irrigation farming use. Without this water supply, the MIA would simply not exist, let alone be the dynamic food producing region that it has developed into.

Murrumbidgee Irrigation invites its customers to join in the celebrations this week to mark the milestone event. State Water has organised a number of activities this week to mark the anniversary:

19-25 October Dam Wall Tours

-open to the public for the first time in 20 years, tours of the dam wall will take place between 9am-2pm, commencing on the hour.

24 October Commemorative Church Service

- to recognise those who lost their lives during construction. 10am Lawlers Picnic Area, Burrinjuck Dam Rd.

24 October Murrumbidgee Irrigation Reunion Dinner and Dance

-Yass Soldiers Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00pm. \$50 per ticket for 3 course dinner, drinks and 21 piece jazz Big Band. Tickets can be purchased over the phone on (02) 6226 1911 or in person from Yass RSL, Meehan Street, Yass, up until 5pm, Wednesday 21 October 2009. Accommodation can be booked via the Yass Visitors Centre on (02) 6226 2557.

Burrinjuck was the first major dam built for irrigation in New South Wales and when construction began, it was the fourth largest dam in the world. Its storage capacity is approximately 1 million megalitres with a catchment area covering 12,953 km². Under normal seasonal conditions, it provides an average of 1.2 million ML per year for the irrigation of crops in the Murrumbidgee Valley, including the MIA and Coleambally irrigation districts.

For further information regarding the 'Back to Burrinjuck' event please visit the website www.statewater.com.au/backtoburrinjuck.html or contact Tony Webber, Corporate Communication Coordinator, State Water Corporation Dubbo (02) 6884 2603.

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