

# scheme that will boost jobs, production



A 14-YEAR PROCESS: Discussing the proposed irrigation scheme are (from left) farmer Scott Munday, TFGA irrigation development officer Tony Clarke, farmer Darren Wigg and Tasmanian Irrigation Development Board chief executive Chris Oldfield. Picture: Kelly Slater.

## Proposal means certainty

IT WILL take at least two years before construction starts on the Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme, but farmers don't have a doubt in their mind it will come to fruition.

Cuprona farmer Scott Munday and the district have been working towards an irrigation scheme for 14 years.

"It's relief . . . if we need to fill a dam, it will mean just picking up the phone and making the call. It's very comforting," he said.

"We have been talking and preparing since 1996 — it has been an idea since that time.

"To all the local farmers it means a great deal. We can put in an extra paddock of crop and know we will have the water.

"It means surety."  
Mr Munday is confident the

scheme will be completed and said the scheme was economical compared to the cost of building a dam.

Current figures estimate farmers will spend a one-off payment of \$1130 a megalitre followed by about \$100 a megalitre annually.

Mr Munday estimates farmers will need between 10 and 200 megalitres a year.

According to Mr Munday, the irrigation scheme will assist in times when farmers are in need of some rain.

Fellow farmer Darren Wigg believes the scheme will assist in developing the area.

"The benefits are long term, not just for the individual farmers, but it will help build the area," he said.

## Contracts will be easier to secure

SECURING contracts in the future will become easier for farmers who come on board the Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme, according to Tasmanian Irrigation Development Board (TIDB) CEO Chris Oldfield.

Mr Oldfield said the reliability of the water supply will increase the opportunity for contracts with the supply guaranteed.

A project officer will be appointed within weeks and the preferred option stage will begin and include:

- community consultation;
- cultural heritage, flora and fauna, hydrology, water quality and de-

mand and land capability studies;

- reserves offset assessment;
- engineering design and cost estimates;
- business case and;
- board approval.

Mr Oldfield said if all goes to plan the government approval could be achieved in two years.

Once project funding is secured the final permits need to be attained before construction begins.

"The funding is what we call PPP — public and private partnership.

"The farmers will own the water rights," he said.



Mrs McCulloch

## Death of lover of language

RESPECTED North-West teacher Marie McCulloch died at Melbourne's Austin Hospital yesterday.

Her cousin, Shirley Stafford, said her death came as a shock to the family.

"We didn't expect this, it has totally come out of blue," she said.

Mrs McCulloch, of Port Sorell, was a primary school teacher for 45 years and had a keen interest in words and their meanings.


"She had a love of the English language and was very particular with her spelling. She thought the electronic age had spoilt spelling."

More recently, Mrs McCulloch had launched her new book, *Ripsnorter — Book of Aussie Words & Sayings* and was planning to write another.

Mrs McCulloch became inspired to write a book about Australian slang when she was a volunteer at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame.

At the launch of her book, several of Mrs McCulloch's former pupils attended to show their support. Mrs Stafford said it was testament to her cousin's character.

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