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IRRIGATION FUNDING SOURCES – R U UP2DATE! Friday 30 October 2009

This Friday (30.10.09) from 1.30pm at the Magenta Woolshed, AIBG, LMD CMA will provide irrigators, students and other interested community members with a chance to network with specialist guest speakers as well as having a hands-on experience with Aquaponics.

It has been timely that the Australian Government recently announced its \$300 million commitment to the "On-Farm irrigation Efficiency Program" to fund on-farm irrigation infrastructure projects through three competitive rounds over four years beginning in 2009-10.

The purpose of this program is to assist irrigators modernise their on-farm irrigation infrastructure and return at least 50% of the water savings to the environment via the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. The proposed projects must generate water savings through modernising on-farm irrigation infrastructure on an existing irrigated farm.

If you want to know more, Mrs Cheryl Rix, General Manager Western Murray Irrigation Ltd, will brief the audience on the Program and there will be opportunities for a Q&A session. Printed information on this new funding Program will be available for collection at the forum.

Further information on the program and to access the guidelines and application form, visit www.environment.gov.au/water/programs or phone 1800 218 478.

Irrigators and interested community members who would like to attend this **FREE** Irrigators' Forum are asked to RSVP to Susan Walla as soon as possible for seating purposes.

The program is available on the website at www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au A community bbq will be provided to all attendees at the conclusion of the forum.

If you have any queries, please contact Susan on 03 5021 9459 or 0429 035 961.

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