

Rigby: Dob in the Wallies

By LAUREN HENRY

GWMWATER has encouraged people to report water cheats.

Although water restrictions are not in force in Nhill, Kaniva, Miram, Serviceton, Kiata, Lillimur, Apsley, Cowangie, Murrayville and Goroke, people are required to obey permanent water saving rules.

In September 2006 the State Government introduced permanent water saving rules in all towns across Victoria to apply

at all times when staged water restrictions were not in force.

Managing director Jeff Rigby said GWMWater was aware that some people were not obeying the rules.

Mr Rigby said some residents were watering with sprinklers and watering systems outside the allowable times.

"The rules are a common-sense approach to water use," he said.

"We believe our customers have had adequate time to understand and apply the rules

and we intend to tighten up on people who are not complying.

"Any customer who repeatedly breaches the rules should be aware that GWMWater has the power to either restrict water supply to that property or prosecute."

Mr Rigby said GWMWater would issue two cautions to people who were caught breaking the rules and would then prosecute.

The court could then impose fines of up to \$1150 for a first offence and up to \$2300 for subsequent offences.

"It's up to the court to determine the amount of the fine up to the maximum," he said.

Mr Rigby said the five rules included:

- Automatic watering systems only to be used between 10pm and 10am daily.
- Manual watering systems to only be used between 8pm and 10am daily.
- A hand-held hose must be fitted with a trigger shut-off nozzle.
- No hosing of paved areas

permitted unless a health or safety hazard is identified.

● Before filling a new pool an application to GWMWater must be submitted and approved.

Mr Rigby said customers were encouraged to report any breaches to GWMWater by email to info@gwmwater.org.au or by calling 1300 659 961.

He said more information about the permanent water saving rules were available on www.gwmwater.org.au or by calling 1300 659 961.



AWARE: Jeff Rigby.

Commemorative ribbons for 39ers

SECOND World War veterans 'the 39ers' or their descendants will receive commemorative gold ribbons to recognise service in Australia's war defence.

Reserve Forces Day Council's national executive Lieutenant Colonel John Moore OAM RFD ED visited Horsham last week to meet with the council's Horsham branch.

He presented Horsham chairman Major Jim Amos RFD ED with gold ribbons to be passed to 39ers in the Wimmera.

The 39ers were serving as part-time Defence Force reservists when they were mobilised in September 1939.

"These reservists of 1939 went on to serve their nation for the next six years, in military campaigns throughout the world," Lt Col Moore said.

"They paved the way for the thousands of men and women

reservists who are serving today, 70 years later, as part of the Australian Defence Force, here at home and in areas of operation around the world."

Eighteen 39ers, from across Australia, were each presented with a ribbon at a Reserve Forces Day national launch in Sydney in November.

Major Amos called for any 39ers or their family members to call him on 5382 2677 to ensure they were included in the presentation.


The commemorative ribbons will be presented at Horsham's Reserve Forces Day celebrations later this year. A date is not yet confirmed.

● Lt Col Moore joined Horsham's 36 Transport Company 50 years ago. Major Amos was the officer commanding at the time.




PRESENTATION: Horsham RSL senior vice-president Clive Johnson, Major Jim Amos RFD ED retd, Lieutenant Colonel John Moore OAM RFD ED and Major Frank Woodhams ED retd with the commemorative ribbon. Picture: MELISSA POWELL


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Man fined \$400 for amphetamines

ARARAT man Christopher Jeffrey Harris was fined \$400 at Horsham Magistrate's Court last week for amphetamine possession.

Visiting Magistrate Tim McDonald also reinstated a community-based order that Harris, 22, of King Street, Ararat, had failed to comply with from a previous conviction of heroin possession.

Police prosecutor Senior Constable Belinda Ryan said Harris was a passenger in a car that was intercepted by police on the Western

Highway at Buangor on August 19 at 10.40am.

Senior Const Ryan said police found a syringe in a bucket in the car and found white powder in Harris's wallet.

Harris was taken to Ararat Police Station where he told police he found the amphetamines on the ground in Ararat.

Defence solicitor Nick Graham said Harris had started taking drugs when he was 13 and drugs had

continued to cause him problems throughout his life.

"He has a series of convictions relating to drugs and in September 2008 was admitted to St Vincent's Hospital after a heroin overdose," he said.

Mr Graham said Harris was now at a drug rehabilitation centre in Naracoorte, South Australia.

Magistrate McDonald said he would not impose a punishment that would interfere with Harris's rehabilitation.

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