



## FORUM & FIELD TRIPS EVALUATION

### SUMMARY RESULTS – TOTAL RETURNED = 35

### DAY 1

#### Overview of YIN (Michael Hughes)

The speaker was:

17% Excellent    80% Good    3% Average    0 Poor    0 Very Poor

The session was:

57% Very Relevant    43% Relevant    0 Irrelevant

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#### International Water Wars (Jenny Goldie)

The speaker was:

13% Excellent    18% Good    63% Average    6% Poor    0 Very Poor

The session was:

30% Very Relevant    52% Relevant    18% Irrelevant

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#### MDBC The Living Murray (Scott Keyworth)

The speaker was:

49% Excellent    51% Good    0 Average    0 Poor    0 Very Poor

The session was:

77% Very Relevant    23% Relevant    0 Irrelevant

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#### Delegates Overview of Various States' Irrigation Industries (Various Speakers)

The speakers were generally:

17% Excellent    72% Good    11% Average    0 Poor    0 Very Poor

The session was:

43% Very Relevant    57% Relevant    0 Irrelevant

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#### Field Tours (Please tick for the relevant tour for you on Day 1)

Tour 1 (McWilliams/CSIRO)	63% Excellent	37% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 2 (HV2010/Mario's)	70% Excellent	30% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 3 (Prime City/Robertson's)	67% Excellent	33% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 4 (Nugan/McFarlane's)	33% Excellent	66% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 5 (Fodder King/Commins)	100% Excellent	0 Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 6 (Sunrice)	100% Excellent	0 Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor

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## DAY 2

### Setting A Vision (Jeff McMullen)

The speaker was:

86% Excellent 11% Good 3% Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

The session was:

52% Very Relevant 48% Relevant 0 Irrelevant

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### The Yin & Yang Of Irrigation (John Blackwell)

The speaker was:

86% Excellent 9% Good 0 Average 2% Poor 0 Very Poor

The session was:

89% Very Relevant 11% Relevant 0 Irrelevant

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### Implementing the Vision – Piping Horticulture in the MIA (Peter Dickie and Louis Sartor)

The speakers were generally:

22% Excellent 78% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

The session was:

60% Very Relevant 36% Relevant 3% Irrelevant

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### Getting Involved in the Decision Making Process (John Hamparsum, Rebecca Osmotherly and Tim McKindlay)

The speakers were generally:

John Hamparsum	56% Excellent	45% Good	3% Average	3% Poor	0 V. Poor
Rebecca Osmotherly	49% Excellent	48% Good	0 Average	3% Poor	0 V. Poor
Tim McKindlay	67% Excellent	24% Good	9% Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor

The session was:

68% Very Relevant 32% Relevant 0 Irrelevant

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### Field Tours (Please tick for the relevant tour for you on Day 2)

Tour 1 (McWilliams/CSIRO)	0 Excellent	100% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 2 (HV2010/Mario's)	100% Excellent	0 Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 3 (Prime City/Robertson's)	75% Excellent	25% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 4 (Nugan/McFarlane's)	60% Excellent	40% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 5 (Fodder King/Commins)	66% Excellent	34% Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 6 (Sunrice)	100% Excellent	0 Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor
Tour 7 (Coleambally Irrigation)	100% Excellent	0 Good	0 Average	0 Poor	0 V. Poor

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## B. GENERAL COMMENTS

**1. Overall, how would you rate the Forum?**

55% Excellent 35% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**2. How would you rate the overall *organisation* of the Forum?**

82% Excellent 18% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**3. How would you rate the *accommodation* for the Forum?**

50% Excellent 48% Good 2% Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**4. How would you rate the *food* for the Forum?**

49% Excellent 49% Good 2% Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**5. How would you rate the *venue* for the Forum?**

74% Excellent 26% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**6. How would you rate the *venue* for the *Dinner*?**

70% Excellent 30% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**7. How would you rate the *Speaker* for the *Dinner* (Jean Kittson)?**

75% Excellent 25% Good 0 Average 0 Poor 0 Very Poor

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**8. Was the Forum what you expected it to be?**

18% Most Definitely 50% Definitely 26% More or less 3% Partly 3% Not at all

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**9. How Likely is it that you will maintain contact with people that you have met at the Forum?**

22% Very Likely 69% Likely 9% Unlikely  No Chance

**10. During the Forum, have you identified any areas where you want to gain further information or training?**

71% Yes 29% No

If yes, what is the training/information need and how could the Young Irrigation Network help to meet this need?

Training/Information Need	How can we help meet that need?
Trade Policy International	
Time Management	
How to become a member of YIN	

**11. Has the Forum increased your desire to become more active in irrigation and associated rural issues?**

85% Yes                      15% No

If yes, how do you think you may become more involved?

Defending the resource
It has encouraged me to want to learn more about the issues that exist in the irrigation industry (I am only a 1st year irrigator -still have a lot to learn)
Maintain dialouge and contact
Through work - developing better linkages

**12. Do you think the Forum should have covered any additional topics?**

33% Yes                      67% No

If yes, what are they?

Current state of river/water resources/environment, science and research
It was an excellent starting point

**13. The Young Irrigation Network regularly organises various events and field trips for network members. Please give us some ideas for future events, including timing.**

What?	Where?	When?
Alternative industries/technologies/researchers.	Northern NSW, Border rivers, Darling Downs	Late Summer (Feb/Mar), April.
Further afield to South Vic, and North NSW		
Ord River Scheme		Next winter
Other Ag industries		
Social Events		

**14. What was the best thing about the Forum?**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It brought together irrigators from a wide range of industries to discuss common issues and problems.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Networking + tours of different enterprises</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social networking/education</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speakers from other areas/other problems</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2nd day speakers were excellent</li> </ul>

**15. Do you think that there may be a demand for a YIN committee in your own region/state?**

100% Yes                      0 No

## 16. Any other comments.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ An excellent conference gives me hope for the future of irrigated agriculture</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Great idea, well executed. I hope that the network flourishes and draws people from across all irrigation areas..</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Great Job, well done, very professionally run and finished off very well</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It could be useful to run some sessions as choices ie. Have 2 sessions running at the same time as that way there would be more sessions so people can choose one that best suits their interests.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Great job, really enjoyed it and learnt heaps - Thanks!</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ I was pleasingly impressed</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Jenny Goldie: Extremely likely we can negotiate with other states (not wars). Living Murray: Interesting to see the "Act" which defines water access or entitlement.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Jenny Goldie: good session but links back to our situation could have been made clearer. Speaker was not so good but it was a good idea to provide this international context to Aus situation. Other States: Excellent idea. Overall: I really enjoyed this conference and would like to see it's scope extended simply beyond water and specifically the Murray river. I would love to hear discussion on some of the non-water/allocation/flow issues that face irrigation farmers. I would also like to see some of the discussion go a little bit closer to home. I really enjoyed the 'big picture' views given by Jenny, Jeff McMullen and even John Blackwell gave but maybe we could have a session on more 'technical' on farm practices, things that we can take home &amp; if not apply at least use to think about the way we irrigate. Also if we want to make this a national conference maybe we need to take the discussion away from the River Murray from time to time and broaden our horizons to other issues!!. Getting involved: This session was great and wonderful to see a variety of views and experiences from young irrigators. Re HV2010: Fantastic to see the future of irrigation</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Need some dairy farmers to be involved &amp; say</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Special food needs met adequately/Excellent Work! The standard of the conference and the speakers was outstanding! We as an industry need to continue on this great occasion</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Various states presentations very well described, good to find out about other states' water usage</li></ul>