

the next steps post Cap & Pipe the Bores

Sustainable Agriculture Management Target:
Sustainable agriculture management practice carried out by 50% of landholders by 2016

■Project overview

Assisting land managers who have capped and piped a Great Artesian Basin (GAB) bore and/or bore drain to adjust management techniques and property infrastructure to maximise benefits for their farm business and their natural resources by:

- providing specialist training suited to semi-arid rangelands
- supporting ongoing property planning and sourcing relevant technical advice
- supporting applications for on-ground works and training
- developing guidelines for natural resource management specific to the GAB area.

■Benefits:

- Maximising the natural resource benefits of having a controlled water system
- Protecting fragile mound springs, which support valuable ecological communities
- Better understanding of mound springs to balance production, Aboriginal cultural heritage and environmental needs.

■Current status at July 2008:

- Facilitated property planning for three Cap & Pipe groups
- Training for Cap & Pipe the Bores and Western CMA staff to ensure future grazing demands are incorporated into system design specifications
- Contributed to educational DVD about the GAB
- Experimental design and preliminary surveys of artesian spring research



Peery Springs - a mound spring in the Peery Lakes National Park.



■Total Budget

\$750,000 over three years



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