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uPtake update

The uPtake project monitoring the response of pasture to phosphorus fertiliser is continuing and DWER have carried out maintenance on equipment to measure the water leaching from the treatments. Maintenance of the site has recently been carried out and the treatments for 2020 will be applied next week.

REI – Regional Estuaries Initiative

The DPIRD contribution to the REI is nearing finalisation and a review will soon be completed.

HEWA – Healthy Estuaries WA

Meeting of the week of 15th June has discussed the announcement of the HEWA and preliminary planning of contracts is commencing.

The HEWA project will enable a continuation of a variation of the REI until 2024. Expectation of a late announcement funds have been identified to include another round of soil testing in the 20/21 season to avoid a gap in sampling. A different sampling model where landholders will receive training on self-sampling will be explored to increase the number

It is expected that other projects at the PHCC which relate to sustainable agriculture and other opportunities will be discussed in the near future.