

Talking Water

Wednesday 7 November 2012



Murray Irrigation

Murray Irrigation Annual General Meeting

Shareholders should have now received their Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form for Murray Irrigation's Annual General Meeting being held at 10.30am on Thursday 29 November at the Deniliquin RSL Club.

There are two items of special business of particular interest to shareholders. The first is the removal of a Disputes Panel. The Constitution only allows for disputes relating to shareholder matters. In the past 17 years the Disputes Panel has been convened for only three disputes, in each case the subject matter was a customer complaint not a dispute relating to shareholder matters.

The Board of Directors in recommending the removal of the Disputes Panel considers the Company has a range of more effective ways of dealing with complaints, including escalation to the Board of Directors.

The second matter relates to Director numbers. The recommended change is to allow Murray Irrigation to have not more than six directors as shareholder directors. This allows the Board of Directors some flexibility in the event of a casual vacancy arising.

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form, please contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

The 2012 Annual Report is available from the 'Corporate' section of our website:
www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Proxy Form

Shareholders wishing to nominate a Proxy to vote at the meeting are reminded to complete both sides of the Proxy Form, including all owners signing the form. If the Proxy Form is not completed correctly, it will be invalid.

Fees and Prices Policy review feedback

Murray Irrigation is reviewing its Fees and Prices Policy and invites feedback by **5.00pm Friday 23 November 2012**. Please refer to our *Special Talking Water* issued 1 November. Visit our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on the 'Fees and Prices Policy review feedback survey' link on the home page to complete the online form, or alternatively, you can download a hard copy of the form or contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300 to have a form sent to you.

Annual Compliance Report

Last week Murray Irrigation provided the NSW Government with its Annual Compliance

Report. This report covers our reporting requirements to the NSW Office of Water and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Features of this report include our delivery efficiency of 87 percent and shows that land affected by high watertables remains low, however there is a general trend of groundwater rise. A copy of the 2011/12 Report is available from our website under 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'.

Drainage inlets

Murray Irrigation's Environment Protection Authority licence includes an intensive chemical monitoring program of stormwater escapes which is now in progress. It is vital that customers manage their rice water on-farm by ensuring drainage inlet slides are closed at all times. If your drainage inlet slide is missing, please contact your local Distribution Supervisor to arrange a replacement. In the event of rice water entering the drain due to unforeseen circumstances, please immediately report the issue to reception on T. 03 5898 3300. Customers are reminded to contact us prior to surface runoff being released into the stormwater escape system. This is essential to preventing downstream impacts including impacting on water quality.

Rice scholarships now open

Applications for the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) 2013 Tertiary Scholarships are now open. For more information, or to obtain an application form, T. 02 6953 0433, or visit www.rga.org.au and click on 'Members Services' then 'Awards and Scholarships'. Applications close Monday 14 January 2013.

Denibootea Landholders meeting

A Denibootea Landholders meeting will be held at Caldwell Hall from 7.30pm on Monday 12 November. The meeting will include updates on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and *Muddied Waters*. For more information, call Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Wakool Landholders AGM

Wakool Landholders Association is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 14. It will be held from 7.30pm at the Wakool Club. For more information, call David May on M. 0427 539 249.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	7 %

Water availability & usage

(07/11/12)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements93%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 849 GL
On-Farm Usage 345 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 266 GL
Off-Allocation Usage 79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale5,163 ML
Price Range \$39 - \$61
Buy Offer \$35
Last 10 Sales2,065 ML
Price Range \$35 - \$40
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 4,800 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 940 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows 1,500 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

24/10/12 – 07/11/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	5.8mm	93.6mm
Tullakool	4.6mm	101.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth3,813 GL.....99 %
Hume2,864GL.....95 %
Lake Victoria669 GL.....99 %
Menindee Lakes1,903 GL.....110 %
Active Storage 9,249 GL.....99 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 6,831 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 3,196 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 7,917 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,577 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,032 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald 4,775 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 692 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 3,992 ML/d
Flow to SA 19,054 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.75 m
Murray to the Sea 21 gates open

**Tune into 'On The Land' every
Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**