

# Talking Water

Tuesday 27 November 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Murray-Darling Basin Plan now law

The Basin Plan is now law having been signed off by Federal Water Minister Tony Burke last week. There is no longer scope to amend the Plan which calls for water recovery of 2,750GL. While the recovery target has not been justified, the Plan has come a long way, ensuring that water recovery is voluntary, is fully compensated, and direct buyback is limited.

The Plan is being presented to Parliament this week as a disallowable instrument. The Greens have already declared their intent to move a motion of disallowance. If successful, the Minister cannot reintroduce the Basin Plan to Parliament for a minimum of six months, although all water recovery programs, including buyback, can proceed unimpeded. A disallowance does not mean no Basin Plan - merely a delayed Basin Plan.

The Murray Irrigation Board is considering the Basin Plan in detail and will provide a further update to customers via a special *Chairman's report* later this week.

## Murray Irrigation AGM

Murray Irrigation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held at 10.30am **this Thursday 29 November** at the Deniliquin RSL Club, 72 End Street, Deniliquin.

Proxy Forms must be received by 10.30am **today**. Please complete **both** sides of the form and ensure all owners sign. The 2012 Annual Report is available from the 'Corporate' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Muddied Waters on 7Two

It is anticipated that investigative documentary *Muddied Waters - A Clear Solution* will be shown on 7Two at 9.30am on Sunday 9 December (check local guides).

*Muddied Waters* will include vision and interviews from across the Murray-Darling Basin. The project, which was financially supported by many in the local community, aims to help the people of Australia better understand the Murray-Darling River system and potential negative social and economic impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Executive Producer Ken Jury said Channel 7 breakfast program *Sunrise* and the network's news services are expected to promote the documentary in the lead-up to its screening.

## New carryover rules

Last week the Victorian Government announced new carryover rules for Victorian

water holders. Details of the changes are available from <http://waterregister.vic.gov.au/Public/Carryoverreview.aspx>.

Key changes include:

- A cap on the volume that can be carried over (100 percent of entitlements), to take effect from 1 July 2013.
- Changes to the Murray spill rule from a spill of Dartmouth Dam to a spill of Hume Dam.

Victoria has also indicated there will be new controls on water allocation trading into Murray accounts to avoid negative third party impacts. The new controls will take effect this season. Customers are encouraged to check the above website to see if the changes will have an impact on them and their participation in the water market.

## Customer Login

Murray Irrigation's website is a useful way to keep track of your water orders. Simply login using your IVR landholding number and four-digit pin. The *Customer Login* is located in the top right hand corner of the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

Once logged in, you can view your recent orders by clicking on 'Orders' from the menu on the left of screen. This will provide the date ordered and the date given if there are any delays or restrictions at this time. Click on 'Supply Points' to view an outlet status, the channel name, and your Channel Attendant's mobile phone number.

If you don't have access to the internet from home, there are computers located in both Deniliquin and Finley reception areas for customers' use. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Water ordering

In addition to last week's information about ordering water, customers who have given four days' notice for a start or increase order, but due to unforeseen circumstances require that order to be delayed, are encouraged to contact the Regional Planner via reception on T. 03 5898 3300 to make arrangements to ensure that their order is not delayed by a further four days.

**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

(27/11/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	84%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	763 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	435 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	356 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	4,464 ML
Price Range .....	\$40 - \$61
Buy Offer .....	\$36
Last 10 Sales .....	1,583 ML
Price Range .....	\$39 - \$40
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	6,900 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	1,540 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	1,200 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

13/11/12 - 27/11/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	0mm...	105.6mm
Tullakool .....	0mm...	118.4mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Dartmouth .....	3,815 GL.....99 %
Hume .....	2,824 GL.....94 %
Lake Victoria .....	641 GL.....95 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,773 GL.....102 %
Active Storage .....	9,053 GL.....98 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	5,506 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	814 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	16,236 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	8,046 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	5,387 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	4,974 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	665 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	3,467 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	13,919 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.83 m
Murray to the Sea .....	17 gates open

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