

Talking Water

Tuesday 11 December 2012



Murray Irrigation

On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Round 3

Federal Water Minister Tony Burke yesterday announced delivery partners for Round 3 of the On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. Regrettably, Murray Irrigation has not been successful in its bid for funding. Murray Irrigation is extremely disappointed with this outcome given our excellent achievements with the Program's Pilot and Rounds 1 and 2.

Five organisations were given in-principle approval – the Minister's announcement can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/burke/2012/mr20121210a.html>. Murray Irrigation will be writing to all customers who expressed an interest in participating in Round 3 to inform them of the outcome of this disappointing announcement.

Exchange operations

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from 5.00pm Friday 21 December and re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 2 January. A Special *Talking Water* will be issued later this week with details of Murray Irrigation's operations over the Christmas-New Year period.

Murray Irrigation's Exchange will continue to operate in a limited capacity during this period. The following altered terms and conditions will apply for users:

- Purchases can be made using the water ordering line or website as normal.
- Seller listings can only be made, altered or withdrawn using the website.
- No new prepaid buyer bids will be processed.
- Cheque and B-Pay payments for purchases cannot be made. The deadline for payment is extended to 5.00pm Friday 4 January.

Please note the above payment deadline only applies to purchases from Friday 21 December to Tuesday 1 January inclusive. Payment to sellers whose water is sold during the Christmas-New Year period will be made by Friday 11 January.

As the Exchange will be available over the Christmas-New Year period, customers who run out of water during this time will still have water supply stopped.

Some staff support will be available to assist customers with using the Exchange during this Christmas-New Year period, between 9.00am and 3.00pm, excluding public holidays and weekends, by contacting reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Normal Exchange operations and terms, including the requirement to pay for purchases within one business day, will resume on Wednesday 2 January. For further information see the Special *Talking Water* to be issued later this week.

Second quarter accounts

The second quarter account will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 14 January. Customers will have until 5.00pm Wednesday 16 January to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee (which applies where water use is greater than 120 percent of delivery entitlements on a landholding or consolidated account).

Details of the volume of water used and whether your landholding or consolidated account requires delivery entitlements to be transferred to offset the Casual Usage Fee is available from the 'Customer Login' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

The fixed fees will apply from 1 October to 31 December 2012 and from 1 January to 31 March 2013, both inclusive.

Company Constitution

An updated Company Constitution, incorporating changes approved at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, has been uploaded to the Murray Irrigation website. To view the latest document click on 'Corporate' then 'Company policies'.

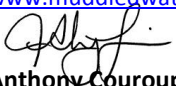
November rainfall and inflows

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has reported that rainfall during November over the Murray-Darling Basin was generally average to below average.

The inflow to the River Murray system (excluding the Darling River and Snowy inflows) during November was about 600GL. This inflow is lower than the long-term average of about 800GL, but higher than the average for the last 10 years of 480GL.

Muddied Waters online

Murray-Darling Basin Plan documentary *Muddied Waters – A Clear Solution* was shown nationally on Channel 7Two on Sunday morning. The full documentary will be available to view on the Muddied Waters website later this week. Visit www.muddiedwaters.com.


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

(11/12/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	77%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	696 GL
On-Farm Usage	511 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	432 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	3,622 ML
Price Range	\$39 - \$65
Buy Offer	\$36
Last 10 Sales	1,396 ML
Price Range	\$38 - \$40
To buy water call 1300 781 431	

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	7,400 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,620 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	2,150 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

27/11/12 – 11/12/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	4.1mm	118.6mm
Tullakool	4.6mm	135.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,817 GL	99 %
Hume	2,660 GL	89 %
Lake Victoria	613 GL	91 %
Menindee Lakes	1,658 GL	96 %
Active Storage	8,748 GL	94 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	2,401 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	1,000 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	15,859 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	7,994 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	2,486 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	3,126 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	797 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	7,318 ML/d
Flow to SA	18,560 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.82 m
Murray to the Sea	23 gates open

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