

Talking Water

Tuesday 18 December 2012



Murray Irrigation

New water ordering system

Rubicon Water has been awarded a contract for the supply of Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system, to be fully implemented for the 2013/14 irrigation season. Further communication with customers will take place during 2013, including at the round of customer meetings scheduled for February.

Christmas-New Year operations

Our offices will be **closed from 5.00pm Friday 21 December** and re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 2 January.

Murray Irrigation's Exchange will operate in a limited capacity during this period, with some staff support available to assist customers 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 Wednesday 12 December Special *Talking Water*. Click on 'Talking Water' on the Murray Irrigation homepage at: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Reduced fees effective 1 January 2013

Murray Irrigation has reduced its delivery entitlement fee by 50cents per delivery entitlement for the third and fourth quarters of 2012/13. This means that a reduction of 25cents per delivery entitlement will apply to each of the third and fourth quarter accounts, totalling 50cents for the six months.

An updated Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement, as required by the *Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010* (Cth), has been mailed to all customers and is also available from the 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Trade limits from NSW to Victoria

Recent changes to carryover rules announced by the Victorian Minister for Water included the introduction of limits on allocation trade from NSW to Victoria. From Thursday 10 January, trade will be limited according to the risk of spill in the Murray system and a 200GL volume for the season.

For customers' information, as at 30 November, up to 80GL of allocation could be traded from NSW without reaching the spill-risk limit. The situation will be reviewed again next month, with an announcement on 10

January, at which stage the trade limits will come into operation. The status of these limits can be tracked at <http://waterregister.vic.gov.au/Public/Reports/InterValley.aspx>.

More information on the limits on allocation trade can be found at <http://waterregister.com.au>.

Muddied Waters documentary

The full length Murray-Darling Basin Plan documentary *Muddied Waters - A Clear Solution* is now available to view online. Visit www.muddiedwaters.com and click on 'Documentary' in the menu on the left of screen. The investigative documentary was shown nationally on Channel 7Two on Sunday 9 December.

Rice PI meetings

NSW DPI is hosting three rice panicle initiation (PI) paddock meetings this week. Brian Dunn, Research Agronomist from Yanco, will be the guest presenter covering PI identification, crop sampling method, sample preparation and interpreting results. He will provide all sampling tools including knives, rings, bags, etc. Dates and locations are:

- Moulamein, Thursday 20 December from 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Barry Gorey's 'Bannockburn' (BBQ to follow).
- Mayrunga, Friday 21 December from 9.30am to 11.00am at John Hand's, 518 Mayrunga Road (T. 03 5882 5972).
- Finley, Friday 21 December from 1.30pm to 3.00pm at Langhams Road (7km north of Finley, east of highway). Contact Warren Lang on M. 0418 578 032.

For more information contact John Smith on M. 0428 236 629.

Rice draining crop inspection

A mid-season drained crop ready for rewatering will be inspected from 9.30am to 10.00am this Thursday 20 December at John Fowler's property 'Duval', 1012 Barham Road, Deniliquin (opposite the Superior Seed Company complex). Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information contact John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.

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The next edition of *Talking Water* will be issued on Tuesday 8 January. On behalf of everyone at Murray Irrigation, I sincerely wish all customers a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

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

(18/12/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	73%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	659 GL
On-Farm Usage	553 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	474 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	3,632 ML
Price Range	\$40 - \$85
Buy Offer	\$37
Last 10 Sales	1,233 ML
Price Range	\$40

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	6,320 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,640 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,800 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

04/12/12 - 18/12/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	6.0mm	115.4mm
Tullakool	0.4mm	131.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,809 GL	99 %
Hume	2,582 GL	86 %
Lake Victoria	615 GL	91 %
Menindee Lakes	1,650 GL	95 %
Active Storage	8,656 GL	93 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	3,801 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	868 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	13,683 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	10,029 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	2,592 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	2,641 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	728 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	6,615 ML/d
Flow to SA	18,282 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.79 m
Murray to the Sea	36 gates open

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