

TalkingWater

Tuesday 8 January 2013



Murray Irrigation

Delivery restrictions

Due to the high demand for water, Murray Irrigation has now reached full capacity at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes.

Wakool Canal diversions have been capped at 2,050ML/d by State Water Corporation, in response to in-river flow constraints. Murray Irrigation is discussing ways to overcome these constraints with State Water.

As a result of offtake capacity being reached at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canals, system-wide flow rate restrictions have commenced. The maximum flow rate per flow share for customers supplied from the Mulwala Canal has this morning been set at 10.4 ML/day (eight revs/day). The maximum flow rate will be reassessed on a daily basis. Only customers taking flows greater than the maximum flow rate per flow share are impacted.

All outlet alterations required by delivery restrictions will be made by Channel Attendants. Customers that have had their flows reduced will have a yellow tag attached to their outlet by their Channel Attendant, and are reminded not to alter the outlet themselves. Customers' first point of contact for information about restrictions is their Channel Attendant.

In addition to system-wide restrictions, some customers in Wakool continue to experience even lower maximum flow rates due to localised flow rate restrictions.

All customers are reminded that they can access information about flow shares, flow rates and water orders from the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Customers who are concerned about the impact of flow rate restrictions on their operations should contact their Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300.

Monitoring Compliance

Murray Irrigation Water Distribution staff are currently completing random night patrols to ensure fair and equitable compliance with company policies; particularly in areas experiencing flow rate restrictions. Customers can assist by reporting any interference with channels to their local Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Second quarter accounts

The second quarter account will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 14 January.

Customers 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 applying to the second quarter account are from 1 October to 31 December.

Delivery entitlements can be bought and sold from the Murray Irrigation Exchange. Customers with delivery entitlements surplus to their requirements are encouraged to consider listing delivery entitlements for sale.

Commonwealth water trade

Information on the use, carryover and trade of Commonwealth environmental water can be found by visiting the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO) website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/ewater/management/portfolio.html>.

The above link provides access to a suite of Portfolio Management Statements released last year. The Statements cover most catchments within the Murray-Darling Basin for the 2012-13 water season. The CEWO has no current plans to trade allocation in the Mid-Murray or Murrumbidgee regions.

Annual Transfers

Annual transfers from the Murrumbidgee Valley to the Murray Valley must be finalised with State Water by Thursday 31 January. This is a requirement of the Murrumbidgee River Water Sharing Plan.

Rice scholarships

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is awarding two scholarships to assist students with the cost of tertiary education. For more information, or to obtain an application form, call T. 02 6953 0433 or visit the RGA website: www.rga.org.au. Local students are encouraged to apply. Applications close **Monday 14 January**.

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

(08/01/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	58%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	538 GL
On-Farm Usage	701 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	622 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	13,212 ML
Price Range	\$57 - \$95
Buy Offer	\$40
Last 10 Sales	1,250 ML
Price Range	\$54 - \$55

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	10,000 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	2,050 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,800 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

25/12/12 – 08/01/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	155.1mm
Tullakool	0.0mm	161.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,814 GL	99 %
Hume	2,259 GL	75 %
Lake Victoria	558 GL	82 %
Menindee Lakes	1,440 GL	83 %
Active Storage	8,071 GL	87 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	5,402 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	1,136 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	22,354 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	8,556 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	1,968 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	1,560 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	304 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	5,555 ML/d
Flow to SA	10,108 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.74 m
Murray to the Sea	12 gates open

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