

Special Talking Water

Friday 11 January 2013



Murray Irrigation

Flow rate restrictions remain in place

Effective today, the maximum flow rate per flow share is 10.4 ML/day per flow share (8 revs per day) for landholdings supplied by the Mulwala Canal, and 9 ML/day per flow share (7 revs per day) for landholdings supplied by the Wakool Canal.

The maximum flow rates available, per flow share, are calculated on a daily basis and are unchanged from the restrictions announced on Tuesday 8 January.

At this point, based on advance orders, Murray Irrigation does not anticipate additional system-wide flow rate restrictions over the weekend.

A four-day wait for water continues to apply.

Wakool Canal diversions remain capped at 2,050 ML/day by State Water Corporation due to in-river flow constraints.

A considerable portion of the Wakool system is under local channel restrictions, causing lower maximum flow rates per flow share.

There are also at least two channels on the Mulwala system that are experiencing local channel restrictions and lower maximum flow rates per flow share.

Outlets that have been restricted will have a yellow tag attached to the outlet by their Channel Attendant. Customers are reminded not to make any alterations to outlets themselves.

Murray Irrigation appreciates the cooperation of its customers in implementing these system-wide restrictions and has also been able to make arrangements with customers for flexible delivery conditions where Water Distribution Supervisors are satisfied that there is no detriment to other customers.

I also wish to acknowledge Murray Irrigation staff, whose workload is extremely high at present. I thank them for their additional efforts to meet customers' needs.

Customer information

Customers are reminded that they can access information about account balances, flow shares, flow rates and water orders from the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Daily flow for individual outlets can also be accessed from the Water Ordering line T. 1300 781 431 after 6.30am.

Customers are reminded to watch account balances and ensure there is sufficient water remaining on their landholding to meet their current order.

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.

Victorian spillable water now

The Resource Manager for northern Victorian regulated water systems yesterday announced that water held in spillable water accounts (over 1,100GL) in the Murray system is now available for use or trade following the declaration of a low risk of spill. Please refer to <http://www.nvrm.net.au/risk-of-spill.aspx>.

Please note this announcement relates to water held in Victorian accounts not NSW water licence holders.



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