

Talking Water

Tuesday 15 January 2013



Murray Irrigation

Delivery restrictions ease

Commencing today, customers supplied by the Mulwala Canal offtake can have their outlet flow rates increased to the rates ordered prior to flow restrictions commencing. Murray Irrigation staff have contacted as many customers as possible who have been subject to flow restrictions, to advise of this opportunity.

Customers are encouraged to use the water ordering line (T. 1300 781 431) or check the 'Customer Login' section of the Murray Irrigation website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au to confirm the flow rate(s) of their outlet(s).

If you have an outlet supplied from the Mulwala Canal system that is currently under restrictions, and you have not been contacted by a Murray Irrigation staff member, please contact a Regional Planner, via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Some channel restrictions still apply because of local channel constraints. There is currently no change in flow restriction status to customers supplied by the Wakool Canal offtake.

Murray Irrigation will continue to monitor the requirement for flow restrictions for all customers on a daily basis.

Second quarter accounts

The second quarter account will be based on meter readings taken yesterday. Customers have until **5.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 16 January**, to transfer delivery entitlements in order to avoid 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 avoid 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.

Murrumbidgee to Murray annual transfers

Annual transfers from the Murrumbidgee Valley to the Murray Valley close at the end of

January. In order to be finalised with State Water by the deadline, transfer forms must be lodged (including fees) with Murray Irrigation by Wednesday 30 January. This annual transfer deadline is a requirement of the Murrumbidgee River Water Sharing Plan.

Daryl Coote retirement

Wakool Water Distribution Supervisor, Daryl Coote, has signalled his intention to retire after 40 years of service with Murray Irrigation and its predecessors. Daryl commenced work on 13 June 1972 and has been an extremely valuable member of the team since that time. His knowledge and experience in the Wakool area of operations is sure to be missed.

Daryl will conclude employment with Murray Irrigation on Friday 8 March. Murray Irrigation directors, staff and customers all wish him well for the future.

Scholarship for agriculture students

A Government-run scholarship is offering first-year university students \$5,000 per annum if they study an agriculture-related degree. The Horizon Scholarship is an initiative of the Rural Industries R&D Corporation (RIRDC) in partnership with industry sponsors.

To be eligible for The Horizon Scholarship students must be entering their first year of university and studying a degree related to agriculture, such as agricultural science, rural science, livestock/animal science, veterinary science or agribusiness.

Applications close on Friday 1 February. For more information or application forms visit the RIRDC website at www.rirc.gov.au/horizon or contact RIRDC on T. 02 6271 4132.

Customer details

Customers are encouraged to advise Murray Irrigation if they have changed their contact details by filling out a 'Change of Contact Details' Form 2, available from our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. This is also to ensure they receive *Talking Water* and accounts via their preferred method.

Flow to South Australia

The MDBA reports that flow to South Australia averaged 10,500ML/day last week with delivery of Additional Dilution Flow (ADF) ceasing on 8 January when Menindee Lakes fell below 1,300GL.

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

(15/01/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	53%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	493 GL
On-Farm Usage	761 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	682 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	12,813 ML
Price Range	\$52 - \$100
Buy Offer	\$42
Last 10 Sales	1,262 ML
Price Range	\$42 - \$51
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	2,112 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

01/01/13 – 15/01/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	3.8mm	151.1mm
Tullakool	4.4mm	155.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,808 GL	99 %
Hume	2,125 GL	71 %
Lake Victoria	500 GL	74 %
Menindee Lakes	1,237 GL	71 %
Active Storage	7,670 GL	83 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	3,513 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	4,193 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	22,457 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	10,665 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	1,714 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	1,096 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	317 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	5,131 ML/d
Flow to SA	10,197 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.67 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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