

# Talking Water

Tuesday 12 February 2013



Murray Irrigation

## Customer meetings this week

Murray Irrigation's series of customer meetings continues this week. Thank you to those customers who attended the meetings at Noorong yesterday and Bunnaloo this morning.

Dates, times and venues for the remaining meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 13 February at the **Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve** from 9.00am.
- Thursday 14 February at the **Blighty Recreation Reserve** from 9.00am.
- Friday 15 February at the **Finley RS Club** from 11.00am (lunch provided).

Customers are encouraged to attend. Topics to be discussed include: Water operations and water availability, Murray-Darling Basin Plan, PIIO and Pilot rollout, Fees and Prices Policy review, levels of irrigation service and environment policy review. For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Ted Hatty retires as SRI Chairman

Ted Hatty has announced his retirement as Southern Riverina Irrigators' (SRI) Chairman. Jerilderie irrigator and Berriquin Irrigators' Council delegate, Denis Tinkler, was elected Chairman at last week's SRI Annual General Meeting. David May, Chairman of the Wakool Landholders' Association, was elected Senior Vice Chairman and Alistair Starritt, Chairman of the Denibootea Landholders' Association, was elected Junior Vice Chairman.

Murray Irrigation acknowledges Ted Hatty's significant contribution to SRI and his chairmanship through some very difficult years for irrigators, including the millennium drought (incorporating the allocation suspension of 2007) and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan's development. Murray Irrigation looks forward to continuing its positive working relationship with SRI through new Chairman Denis Tinkler.

## Local Land Services workshop

A workshop to discuss the establishment of Local Land Services (LLS) will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 9.00am **next Tuesday 19 February**. Customers are encouraged to consider attending the workshop which will cover fundamental elements of the LLS model, including governance, regional boundaries and services.

For more information, visit the NSW Government 'Have Your Say' website: [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices).

## Annual transfer processing

Last week the Victorian water register experienced technical difficulties which caused delays in processing of annual transfers from Victoria to NSW. These issues impacted on some trades from Victoria to Murray Irrigation's licence. Murray Irrigation understands that these difficulties have now been rectified and transfers are proceeding.

Customers are reminded that State Water and Victorian approval authorities are processing large numbers of annual transfers which means that approval times are longer than those experienced early in the season.

## Accounts due

Murray Irrigation second quarter accounts for 2012/13 are due by 5.00pm **Friday 22 February**. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date. For more information, contact our Finance team on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Review of Environment Policy

Murray Irrigation is seeking customer feedback regarding the integration of the Total Farm Water Balance Policy, Rice Growing Policy and Stormwater Disposal Policy into a single Environment Policy. The combined Policy aims to manage the impact of our customers' water use on local and downstream environments.

More information on the proposed Environment Policy and details on how to provide feedback are available via the 'Latest news' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Stakeholders' Breakfast

Murray Irrigation is holding a Stakeholders' Breakfast from 7.00am on Thursday 21 February at The Crossing Café in Deniliquin.

The proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan will be discussed, as well as the rollout of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP), the On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP), the Blighty Remote Control Pilot Project, water availability, and a variety of other topics which will be of interest to local businesses and their clients.

Stakeholders are asked to confirm attendance with Alison Bult on T. 03 5898 3332 or via E. [alison.bult@murrayirrigation.com.au](mailto:alison.bult@murrayirrigation.com.au) by close of business Monday 18 February.

**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

(12/02/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	38%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	346 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	958 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	878 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	9,028 ML
Price Range .....	\$70 - \$100
Buy Offer .....	\$66
Last 10 Sales .....	498 ML
Price Range .....	\$69 - \$73
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	6,700 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	1,250 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	1,550 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

29/01/13 – 12/02/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	0.0mm...	131.3mm
Tullakool .....	0.0mm...	128.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,726 GL.....	97 %
Hume .....	1,746 GL.....	58 %
Lake Victoria .....	339 GL.....	50%
Menindee Lakes .....	994 GL.....	57 %
Active Storage .....	6,805 GL.....	73 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	5,389 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	4,673 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	16,177 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	8,540 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	2,101 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	591 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	166 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	3,436 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	9,129 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.71 m
Murray to the Sea .....	2 gates open

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