

Talking Water

Tuesday 19 February 2013



Murray Irrigation

Second quarter accounts

Customers are advised that the due date for Murray Irrigation's second quarter account has been extended by one week. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount on the second quarter accounts, all accounts must be paid before **5.00pm Friday 1 March**. For more information, contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300.

Water available in on farm accounts

To avoid being shut off and facing a four-day wait for water, customers should make arrangements to have sufficient water in their accounts. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Delivery entitlements trade

Customers with surplus delivery entitlements are reminded to consider placing these on the temporary market. Those customers requiring delivery entitlements to avoid the Casual Usage fee are encouraged to plan ahead.

Customers can access their delivery entitlements information via the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Customer meetings information

If you did not attend one of Murray Irrigation's customer meetings last week, and are interested in the information presented, a copy of the handout is available from the 'Current activities' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

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.

Feedback is due by 5.00pm Friday 8 March. More information on the proposed Environment Policy and details on how to provide feedback are available via the 'Current activities' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Sub-system reconfiguration

Murray Irrigation has welcomed the announcement of the Commonwealth Government's Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration program which will provide up to \$200 million over four years for Irrigation Infrastructure Operators to reconfigure their networks and improve efficiency. The company participated in consultations with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities early last year to discuss how to address water recoveries within an irrigation network.

Round one officially opened yesterday, and the Government is calling for expressions of interest from Irrigation Infrastructure Operators, in partnership with their customers. The Murray Irrigation Board will consider the program and conditions before a decision is made whether to participate in the first round of funding.

Applications close on Tuesday 2 April. For more information, visit: www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/ and click on the 'Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration in the Murray-Darling Basin Program' link.

Edward River flows


The Murray-Darling Basin Authority reports that flow through the Edward River offtake was reduced to 1,250 ML/day last week to allow for an inspection of the river's banks as it flows through the Millewa Forest. To supplement river flows, inflow from the Edward Escape was increased from around 1,200 ML/day to 1,500 ML/day.

Stakeholders' Breakfast

Murray Irrigation is holding a Stakeholders' Breakfast from 7.00am this 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.


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

(19/02/13)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements35%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 325 GL
On-Farm Usage 991 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 911 GL
Off-Allocation Usage 79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale8,322 ML
Price Range \$67 - \$95
Buy Offer \$55
Last 10 Sales390 ML
Price Range \$67 - \$69
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 5,400 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 958 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows 900 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

05/02/13 – 19/02/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.2mm...	135.6mm
Tullakool	0.0mm...	119.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth3,700 GL.....96 %
Hume1,693 GL.....56 %
Lake Victoria309 GL.....46 %
Menindee Lakes 962 GL.....56 %
Active Storage6,664 GL.....72 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 8,389 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo 3,905 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 15,417 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,393 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,467 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald 370 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 165 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 3,409 ML/d
Flow to SA 8,050 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.67 m
Murray to the Sea 3 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**