

TalkingWater

Tuesday 5 March 2013



Murray Irrigation

Carryover capacity set

Carryover capacity, for carryover of unused water from season 2012/13 to 2013/14, has been set at 50 percent of water entitlements held, effective 1 March 2013. Unused water at 30 June, up to the amount of carryover capacity on each account, will be carried over to next season. Unused water at 30 June in excess of carryover capacity is forfeited.

Individual account information for Carryover Capacity has also been updated in the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website following the announcement of carryover capacity on 1 March.

Carryover capacity may be traded via the Exchange or private arrangement. Fact sheets on carryover itself, and trade of carryover capacity, are available on our website under 'Customers', then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets'. For more information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Rice water drainage

Rice growers are required to complete an application form 'RICE 2- Application for rice water drainage (2012/13)' for rice water drainage **before** draining rice crops into the stormwater drainage system. Approval will only be given when all other on-farm options for the draining of the rice crop have been exhausted. Customers are reminded of the requirement to hold rice water on-farm for 28 days after the application of chemicals.

Any drainage slides found open without approval may be closed by Murray Irrigation.

Rice growers are reminded to complete the form 'RICE 1 - Loss of water from a rice crop 2012/13' in circumstances where water has been lost from a rice crop due to management issues, such as bank breaks or drainage for slime/duck control. This information will enable Murray Irrigation to accurately determine rice water usage for each rice crop.

Both forms can be accessed via Murray Irrigation's website, click on 'Customers', then 'Forms' and 'General forms'. For further information please contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Final target rice water use

The final target rice water usage figure for 2012/13 has been calculated based on the crop irrigation requirement (from October to February inclusive) plus an additional allowance of 4ML/ha for soil profile wetting and drainage.

The rice water usage for each landholding is available via the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website. For further information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Final climatic adjustment for TFWB limit

In a year of high plant evapotranspiration, the Total Farm Water Balance (TFWB) Policy allows for climatic adjustment of the total farm water use limit on each landholding. The total farm water use limit on each landholding will be increased by seven percent for the 2012/13 season. This is the final adjustment to the total farm water use limit (no further adjustments will be made this season).

The total farm water balance limit information is available via the 'Customer Login' section of Murray Irrigation's website. Please note the total farm water use limits on the website have **not** been increased by seven percent.

ACCC information session

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is running an information session for State Water's customers to explain the process that it will conduct in approving or determining State Water's regulated charges to apply from 1 July 2014. The session will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 3.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 6 March. For more information contact the ACCC's Shane Grosser on T. 03 9290 1846.

Rice Industry Field Days

The 2013 Murray Valley Rice Industry Field Days are being held this week. The first will be held at 'Old Coree' Jerilderie from 9.00am on Thursday 7 March, before a field day at Lachlan Bull's property north of Deniliquin from 2.30pm the same day. There will also be a field day at Peter Kaylock's property 'Narrawa' near Moulamein from 9.00am on Friday 8 March. A solar power information session will also be held at 'Narrawa' immediately after the rice field day. For more information, contact the Ricegrowers' Association office on T. 02 6953 0433.

West Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday 13 March. It will be held at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 6.30pm. For more information, contact Chairman James Sides on M. 0427 236 791.

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

(05/03/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	31%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	289 GL
On-Farm Usage	1,037 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	957 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	8,764 ML
Price Range	\$56 - \$95
Buy Offer	\$52
Last 10 Sales	520 ML
Price Range	\$55 - \$56

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	3,150 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	510 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	400 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

19/02/13 - 05/03/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	48.0mm	99.9mm
Tullakool	20.4mm	110.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,656 GL	95 %
Hume	1,679 GL	56 %
Lake Victoria	305 GL	45 %
Menindee Lakes	839 GL	48 %
Active Storage	6,479 GL	70 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	5,554 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	4,357 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	14,402 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	7,567 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	2,197 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	198 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	8,120 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,585 ML/d
Flow to SA	7,834 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.61 m
Murray to the Sea	2 gates open

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