

# Talking Water

Tuesday 12 March 2013



Murray Irrigation

## New water ordering system trial

The new water ordering system will be trialled by our Blighty Remote Control Pilot project area customers before a rollout to all customers at the start of the 2013/14 irrigation season.

The new water ordering system – being supplied by Rubicon Water – is a key component of enabling transition from once-a-day manual customer order delivery to remote and automated system control, and with it the opportunity for higher levels of service (e.g. scheduling multiple order changes per day, and more consistent flows on-farm).

The trial in the Blighty Remote Control Pilot project area allows us to test our new service from water ordering to water delivery.

Information sessions for customers in the Blighty Remote Control Pilot will be held at the Blighty Recreation Reserve next Monday 18 March and Wednesday 20 March at 7.30am and 11.00am. Invitations have been mailed to customers in the Pilot area. To book a session, call Murray Irrigation on T. 03 5898 3300.

## PIIOP appointment

Murray Irrigation has appointed Richard van Putten as its new Principal Project Manager. Richard, who started with the company on Monday 4 March, will oversee the delivery of Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP).

Richard comes to Murray Irrigation from a civil engineering background and has considerable experience in managing the delivery of water infrastructure projects.

Richard's appointment will allow planning for implementation of our PIIOP program to progress.

## Wakool Water Distribution Supervisor

Due to the retirement of Daryl Coote, Lee Pattinson has been appointed Acting Wakool Water Distribution Supervisor. He will remain in this role for the remainder of the 2012/13 irrigation season.

Lee can be contacted via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Surplus delivery entitlements

Customers with more annual delivery entitlements available than they require for their water use this season should consider selling the surplus 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 assistance or further information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Managing constraints

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has published a website page titled 'Managing Constraints'. The page includes details on constraints in the Murray-Darling Basin and of the proposed Constraints Management Strategy.

The MDBA states that from April this year, it intends talking to people living in areas around key constraints who can share their knowledge and raise concerns, and find out more about this project.

For more information, visit: [www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan/managing-constraints](http://www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan/managing-constraints)

## February inflows

The MDBA reports that River Murray system inflows for February 2013 totalled 73GL, which is in the lowest 10 percent of records for February, and well below the long-term average of 169GL (over 100 years of records). These system inflows exclude Snowy and Darling inflows, as well as inter-valley trades and managed environmental inflows from the tributaries.

## West Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its Annual General Meeting this **Wednesday 13 March**. It will be held at the Sportsman's 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

(12/03/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	29%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	270 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	1,056 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	976 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	6,598 ML
Price Range .....	\$65 - \$95
Buy Offer .....	\$55
Last 10 Sales .....	367 ML
Price Range .....	\$61 - \$65
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	5,300 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	800 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	489 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

26/02/13 – 12/03/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	32.8mm .....	97.4mm
Tullakool .....	20.0mm .....	100.8mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	N/A .....	N/A
Hume .....	1,631 GL .....	54 %
Lake Victoria .....	236 GL .....	35 %
Menindee Lakes .....	885 GL .....	51 %
Active Storage .....	N/A .....	N/A

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	6,635 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	2,213 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	16,000 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	9,046 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	3,562 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	179 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	15,325 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	3,572 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	N/A
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.63 m
Murray to the Sea .....	N/A

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521  
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