

Talking Water

Tuesday 19 March 2013



Murray Irrigation

Third quarter accounts

The third quarter account will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 8 April. Customers have until **5.00pm Friday 12 April** to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset 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 offset the Casual Usage Fee is available from the 'Customer Login' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

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. For further information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

New water ordering system trial

Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system is being 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.

To initiate the rollout, customer information sessions are being held at the Blighty Recreation Reserve **tomorrow at 7.30am with breakfast and 11am with lunch**. Pilot area customers who have not attended a session are encouraged to do so. For further information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Forecast carryover to 2013/14

Murray Irrigation is forecasting carryover of unused water allocation by its irrigation customers to be approximately three percent of irrigation customers' General Security water entitlements. This estimate is based on the current volume of allocation available in accounts and forecast usage to the end of the year. Water trade to and from our licence and higher or lower water use will influence the final volume carried over.

Customers are reminded that carryover is automatic up to 50 percent of General Security water entitlements. The maximum available in water allocation accounts in 2013/14 will be 110 percent of water entitlements, made up of carryover and announced allocation. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Murray Irrigation Security Policy

Murray Irrigation has received several enquiries as to why a caveat has been placed on a landholding. This action is triggered when a permanent trade results in permanent delivery entitlements being more than five times the number of water entitlements held (and at least 250 delivery entitlements being held). This scenario creates potential for large fixed fees and little water availability, and protection is necessary from the risk of large unrecoverable debts.

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NSW Office of Water telephone survey

The NSW Office of Water is completing a survey of irrigation farmers to monitor social and economic changes in the irrigation industry. This is the fourth survey completed as part of its assessment of the NSW water sharing plans since 2006.

The 2013 survey will be completed in April and May by telephone. Murray Irrigation is supporting this survey by seeking the voluntary participation of our customers.

To express your interest in participating, visit www.water.nsw.gov.au and complete the on-line registration form. For further information about the survey, contact the NSW Office of Water Socio-economics Team on T. 1800 353 104 (during business hours).

Draft Murray Catchment Action Plan

The draft Murray Catchment Action Plan (CAP) is on display for public comment until Monday 1 April. The Murray CAP is a 10-year strategic plan for improving the health, productivity and resilience of our landscapes. To view the CAP, and provide feedback, visit: www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au.

Soybean field day

A soybean field day is being held at Geoff and Jenny McLeod's property near Finley from 10.30am this Friday 22 March. Topics include inspection of new variety Bidgee, nodulation, pest and disease management and marketing this year's crop. DPI and buyers will be in attendance. The property is located about four kilometres east of Finley. Turn left at Crosbies Road off the Riverina Highway, then follow the Field Day signs. For more information, contact Geoff on M. 0427 833 261.


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

(19/03/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	26%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	241 GL
On-Farm Usage	1,086 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	1,006 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	5,299 ML
Price Range	\$65 - \$95
Buy Offer	\$55
Last 10 Sales	457 ML
Price Range	\$65

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	5,350 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal880 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,100 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

05/03/13 – 19/03/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm...	104.7mm
Tullakool	0.0mm...	103.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,625 GL	94 %
Hume	1,563 GL	52 %
Lake Victoria	220 GL	33 %
Menindee Lakes	902 GL	52 %
Active Storage	6,310 GL	68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	4,790 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	1,397 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	15,617 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	8,135 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	2,326 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald	471 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	17,307 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,677 ML/d
Flow to SA	8,907 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.63 m
Murray to the Sea	1 gate open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**