

# Talking Water

Tuesday 21 May 2013



Murray Irrigation

## End of season arrangements update

Opportunistic access to off-allocation water for all outlets commenced yesterday. Orders are to be made on the water ordering line on T. 1300 781 431. For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant directly.

## Close of annual trade

All annual trades, both Murray Irrigation Exchange and private trades, will close at 5.00pm Friday 31 May, including annual trade of delivery entitlements.

Customers are encouraged to consider their water usage to the end of the season and ensure they have enough annual delivery entitlements to prevent incurring the Casual Usage Fee.

External allocation transfers to or from Murray Irrigation must be lodged no later than 5.00pm Thursday 30 May to allow processing before State Water's deadline.

All annual trade, including the Murray Irrigation Exchange, will reopen 9.00am Monday 1 July.

## Carryover

Customers are reminded that unused water in excess of carryover capacity at the end of 2012/13 will be forfeited. The dates above are the last opportunity to secure your position for carryover into next season. Customers are encouraged to consider carrying over at least 10 percent of water entitlements to maximise water availability next season.

## Customer Satisfaction Survey

Murray Irrigation has contracted Bartley Consulting to complete a 'Customer Satisfaction Survey' later this month. The telephone survey will start the week commencing Monday 27 May with 210 of our 1,200 irrigation customers taking part over two weeks. The survey should only take 15 minutes to complete and answers will be confidential.

The survey will cover customer views about services during the 2012/13 irrigation season including water delivery, infrastructure maintenance, the Water Exchange and views about Murray Irrigation's overall service. Your participation is encouraged as receiving constructive feedback from customers provides the company with an opportunity to identify ways to continuously improve.

## Quarterly accounts due

Customers are reminded that Murray Irrigation third quarter accounts are due by **5.00pm Friday 31 May**. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

## Private Wetlands Watering Project

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is intending to conduct a wetlands watering project in Murray Irrigation's area of operations this spring (allocation permitting). The project provides adaptive environmental water to help improve and/or maintain biodiversity values of wetlands located on private properties.

Landholders interested in participating in this project should complete an Expression of Interest form, available from the 'Current activities' section of Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or from reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Forms must be submitted to OEH by 5.00pm Friday 14 June. For further information please contact OEH Project Officer Emma Wilson on T. 02 6022 0617, M. 0418 962 697.

## Micro Irrigation Field Day

Murray Irrigation is holding a Micro Irrigation Field Day **this Friday 24 May**. It will be held from 12.30pm at Stillard's property 'Marboc' (on the Barooga-Mulwala Road).

The field day will look at installation of micro irrigation on soybeans and lucerne, as well as pumping with natural gas. A barbecue lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Felicity Steel on T. 03 5888 3012.

## Spray Irrigation Field Days

Murray Irrigation is holding two Spray Irrigation Field Days early next month. The first will be held at Hatty's property 'Wondilibi' in Tocumwal on Tuesday 4 June, while the second will be at Fasham's property 'Studleigh' in Wakool on Wednesday 5 June.

Both field days start at 12.30pm and lunch is provided. The events will look at the installation of spray irrigation through the On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. For more information, contact Aimee Snowden on T. 03 5898 3317.

**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

(21/05/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	11%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	102 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	1,256 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	1,177 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale .....	2,536 ML
Price Range .....	\$58 - \$80
Buy Offer .....	\$47
Last 10 Sales .....	491 ML
Price Range .....	\$55 - \$67

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal .....	0 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	0 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	500 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

07/05/13 – 21/05/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	11.3mm .....	30.8mm
Tullakool .....	2.4mm .....	30.6mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth .....	3,579 GL .....	93 %
Hume .....	1,406 GL .....	47 %
Lake Victoria .....	341 GL .....	50 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,239 GL .....	72 %
Active Storage .....	6,565 GL .....	71 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic .....	8,816 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo .....	630 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	1,457 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	4,608 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	749 ML/d
M'Bidgiee d/s Balranald .....	353 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	2,023 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	4,423 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	5,143 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.57 m
Murray to the Sea .....	18 gates open

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