

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 11 June 2013



Murray Irrigation

## 2013/14 Fees and Prices mail out

Murray Irrigation is required by the *Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010* (the Rules) to provide all customers with a copy of our Fees and Prices Schedule 10 business days prior to the fees applying. We are also required by the Rules to provide customers with an Information Statement.

Murray Irrigation is pleased to include in the announced Fees and Prices for 2013/14 a \$1.00 per delivery entitlement reduction in its fixed fees compared to 2012/13, as well as no CPI increase.

The Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement will be mailed to all customers this week. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Fourth quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts will be sent to customers in July 2013 with payment due in August 2013. If customers require their fourth quarter account for payment in the 2012/13 financial year, please contact our Finance department via reception on T. 03 5898 3300, or email [finance@murrayirrigation.com.au](mailto:finance@murrayirrigation.com.au).

Please provide details of your landholding reference number and customer number. Details of the fourth quarter account will be available in the week starting Monday 17 June.

## Customer details

Customers are reminded that they need to advise Murray Irrigation if they have changed their contact details. This can be done by completing a 'Change of Contact Details' form, which is accessible via the *Customers/Forms* section of our website or by contacting reception on T. 03 5898 3300. This also ensures customers are receiving *Talking Water* and their quarterly accounts via their preferred method.

## MDBA meetings

The MDBA last week met with local landholders to discuss the possible impact of environmental flows and the delivery constraints that exist in our area. The MDBA acknowledges that the Edward-Wakool section of the Murray is pivotal to both local environmental assets and in providing downstream flows. The MDBA will return to the area in August for further discussions.

The MDBA has also commenced work on developing a method to monitor the social and economic impacts of the Basin Plan.

Murray Irrigation and Southern Riverina Irrigators' met with MDBA economists to discuss indicators relevant to our region.

## Basin Plan IGA

Last week Victoria became the first of the Basin States to sign an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Commonwealth to implement the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Victorian Minister Peter Walsh said the agreement settles the responsibilities and costs of putting the Basin Plan into action.

NSW Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson says she won't sign on to the Basin Plan until the key issues identified by NSW, including groundwater, a cap on buyback and focus on infrastructure, are addressed. The Minister said NSW was the State with the most to lose from the Basin Plan and the current IGA was unacceptable.

## CEWH watering options

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) last week released plans for environmental watering over the next 12 months. The 10 documents contain options for using Commonwealth environmental water in a range of rainfall scenarios.

The CEWH is forecasting having between 170 and 312 GL NSW Murray entitlements for use in the coming water year to contribute to base flows, ephemeral water courses and fish flows. More information can be accessed at <http://www.environment.gov.au/ewater/new/mr20130606.html>.

## NOW seeks up-to-date information

A reminder to our customers that the NSW Office of Water (NOW) is conducting an online survey about on-farm water use and activities. For more information and to access the survey, visit

[www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Modelling/IQQM](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Modelling/IQQM)

The survey closes on Monday 17 June.

## MDBA May Summary

River Murray system inflows for May totalled around 170GL which is less than half the long-term average of about 380GL. Despite high demand conditions throughout the water season, the total combined storages of the River Murray System remain relatively high at above 6,000GL at the end of May which is above the modelled average.

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

(11/06/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	12%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	102 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	1,263 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	1,177 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	86 GL

## WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Water trading will recommence on 1 July.

## 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 .....	0 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

28/05/13 – 11/06/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	44.0mm .....	22.0mm
Tullakool .....	43.4mm .....	18.6mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth .....	N/A .....	N/A
Hume .....	1,670 GL .....	56 %
Lake Victoria .....	415 GL .....	61 %
Menindee Lakes .....	N/A .....	N/A
Active Storage .....	N/A .....	N/A

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic .....	7,966 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	712 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	1,966 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir .....	6,011 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	733 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	496 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	1,449 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	N/A
Flow to SA .....	N/A
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.58 m
Murray to the Sea .....	N/A

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