

Talking Water

Tuesday 2 July 2013



Murray Irrigation

Starting allocations for 2013/14 season

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) yesterday announced commencing 2013/14 allocations for water users in the NSW Murray Valley. Following this announcement, Murray Irrigation general security (Class C) entitlements holders have an opening allocation of 38 percent of water entitlements, while high security allocations commence at 97 percent of water entitlements.

The next announcement will be made on Monday 15 July and then on the 15th of each month until full allocations are reached. A copy of the announcement is available from the Murray Irrigation website. Click on 'Water Resource Updates' in the right hand column.

Regional starting allocation round up

Below is a table showing the starting allocation announcements for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas.

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	42 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	18 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	51 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	100 percent

The Murray Darling Basin Authority has also announced that annual trade from upstream of the Barmah/Millewa Choke is open.

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

Water Exchange 2013/14 opening

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange yesterday reopened for the 2013/14 irrigation season. Updated Water Exchange rules and updated forms are available from the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au (click 'Water' then 'Water Trade') and reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

The changes to the Water Exchange rules were highlighted in a special *Talking Water* yesterday.

Standard Level of Service Yallakool Pilot

Murray Irrigation's Yallakool system (within Division 16) has been chosen as the Pilot for our Standard Level of Service (SLOS) rollout. The Pilot is funded under our Private Irrigation

Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) project and involves the remote control of regulators and outlet upgrades.

Division 16 customers have been sent an invitation to attend an information session at the Caldwell Hall **this Thursday 4 July at 9.30am**. For more information, contact Customer Consultation Supervisor Adrian Smith via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

WaterNow launch

Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system, *WaterNow*, will be launched on Monday 22 July. As part of the launch, customers will receive a *WaterNow* customer card and new customer number in mid-July. A range of customer sessions are planned for the two weeks after 22 July which will include demonstrations on how to place, change and cancel orders online as well as highlight key changes to the enhanced water ordering line.

An invite was mailed to all customers last week which lists session dates, times and venues. Details of the customer sessions are also available on the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au under 'Current activities'. For more information please contact Catharine Heffernan via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

MDBA Watering Priorities 2013/14

The Murray Darling Basin Authority last week published the annual watering priorities for the Basin in 2013/14. The purpose of the priorities is to coordinate environmental watering across the Basin to get better outcomes. The 10 priorities released are based around connecting rivers and floodplains and supporting in-stream functions.

For the Mid-Murray region, including the Edward-Wakool system, the priority is to improve habitat and provide opportunities for migration and reproduction of native fish.

Details of this year's annual watering priorities can be found on the MDBA's website at www.mdba.gov.au/what-we-do/environmental-water/environmental-watering-priorities.

Ministerial changes

Changes to the Commonwealth Government's leadership sees Adelaide based MP, Mark Butler taking on Climate Change and Environment, including water.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 38 %
Class B High Security 97 %
Class A Town Water 100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %

Water availability & usage

(02/07/13)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements 49 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 419 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 802 ML
Price Range \$60
Buy Offer \$22
Last 10 Sales N/A
Price Range N/A
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 0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

18/06/13 – 02/07/13 Rain Evap
Finley 0.5mm 15.8mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 14.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,642 GL 94 %
Hume 1,901 GL 63 %
Lake Victoria 537 GL 79 %
Menindee Lakes 1,252 GL 72 %
Active Storage 7,332 GL 79 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 6,603 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 607 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,470 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,386 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 627 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,288 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 1,106 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 452 ML/d
Flow to SA 3,708 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.58 m
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open

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