

Talking Water

Tuesday 9 July 2013



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation intends to start Mulwala Canal channel filling in the week commencing Monday 22 July and Wakool Canal channel filling in the week commencing Monday 29 July. This would see system-wide deliveries commence from the week commencing Monday 19 August. Customers' orders may be delivered during channel refilling operations, however this water will be diverted in addition to channel filling requirements and will provide no detrimental impacts to other customers, or affect the length of the refilling period.

More information about channel refilling will be provided in future editions of *Talking Water*, along with information about water deliveries during this time.

Water Exchange 2013/14 opening

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange has reopened for the 2013/14 irrigation season. Annual trade, including external annual transfers, has also resumed. Customers are reminded of the opportunity to buy and sell megalitres and delivery entitlements via the Water Exchange.

Updated Water Exchange rules and forms are available from both reception and Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au (click 'Water' then 'Water Trade').

For enquiries about the Exchange or further information, please contact the Murray Irrigation Water Trade team, via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

PIIOP High Level of Service

As part of Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) 2013/14 and 2014/15 Works Program, the majority of Divisions 3 and 8 (around Blighty and Finley) will be upgraded to our high level of irrigation service.

Division 3 and 8 customers have been sent an invitation to attend one of three information sessions **next Monday 15 July**. Meetings will be held at the following times and venues:

- Finley RS Club – 9.30am to 10.30am;
- Blighty Recreation Reserve – 11.45am to 12.45pm; and
- Finley RS Club – 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

These meetings are an important opportunity for customers to ask questions about the proposed changes to their channel and

outlets' operations. For more information, contact 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 invitation has been mailed to all customers 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.

June 2013 summary

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has reported that rainfall for June 2013 was well above average for the Basin as a whole. The Bureau of Meteorology reports the month as the 19th wettest in 114 years of records.


River Murray system inflows for June 2013 (excluding Snowy and Darling inflows) totalled around 480 GL. Despite significant rainfall, the monthly total is below the long-term average for June (740 GL) and well below the inflows recorded during June 2012 (830 GL).

Learn about using smartphones or tablets

A 'Using Digital Devices' training program will be held at the Deniliquin and Finley TAFE campuses over the next month. The program has been developed in conjunction with the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) and will be presented by Riverina TAFE.

The first course is an introduction to smartphones and tablets. It will be held on Thursday 18 July, Tuesday 6 August and Friday 9 August. There will also be 'Basic Skills' courses for using Apple and Android devices on Wednesday 24 July, Thursday 25 July, Tuesday 13 August and Friday 16 August, as well as a 'Next Steps' course on Wednesday 31 July, Thursday 1 August, Tuesday 20 August and Friday 23 August.

For more information on the courses, contact Jenny Edwards on T. 03 5882 2021.


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

(09/07/13)	
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	1,542 ML
Price Range	\$59 - \$60
Buy Offer	\$40
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

25/06/13 – 09/07/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.8mm	21.4mm
Tullakool	1.4mm	20.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,649 GL	95 %
Hume	1,952 GL	65 %
Lake Victoria	565 GL	83 %
Menindee Lakes	1,253 GL	72 %
Active Storage	7,419 GL	80 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	7,940 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	689 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	1,370 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	2,351 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	607 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	1,392 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	1,061 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	417 ML/d
Flow to SA	3,481 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.60 m
Murray to the Sea	2 gates open

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