

# Talking Water

Tuesday 6 August 2013



Murray Irrigation

## Round 4 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

The Australian Government last week announced \$100M for Round 4 of its On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. To support a Project Delivery Partner application, Murray Irrigation is holding customer workshops at the following venues:

- Tuesday 20 August - Wakool Services Club;
- Wednesday 21 August - Deniliquin Coach House Hotel;
- Thursday 22 August - Finley Bowling Club.

Each workshop will start at 9.30am and finish at 12.00pm. For more information, call Aimee Snowden via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation commenced channel refilling at the Mulwala Canal offtake on Thursday 25 July and at the Wakool Canal offtake on Monday 29 July. The company is taking advantage of the supplementary water event announced by the NSW Office of Water.

Murray Irrigation anticipates system-wide deliveries to commence by Monday 19 August. Customers who would like to order water for usage before this date are encouraged to do so. This will help prioritise channel filling operations, noting that customers may be required to wait longer than four days for deliveries prior to 19 August.

Customers who require further information about channel refilling operations or ordering water should contact their Water Distribution Supervisor via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Increase in general security allocations

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) last week announced increased allocations for general security water users in the NSW Murray Valley. Murray Irrigation general security (Class C) customers received an increase of eight percent, which brings the total allocation to 46 percent of water entitlements. A copy of the NOW announcement is available in the 'Water Resource Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website:

[www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Regional allocation update

General security allocation in the NSW Murrumbidgee Valley increased by seven percent last week. This now provides 25 percent of entitlement.

Seasonal determination in the Victorian Murray is now 50 percent high-reliability water shares, which is an increase of eight percent. The Victorian Goulburn system is now

72 percent high-reliability water shares, which is an increase of 18 percent.

## Trading opportunities

The probability of spill in the Victorian Murray system is currently greater than 50 percent. As a result, trade into Victoria from NSW will be limited to the volume of trade out of Victoria to NSW.

## WaterNow launch

Murray Irrigation has officially launched its new water ordering system, *WaterNow*. As part of the launch, *WaterNow* customer cards, which provide the new customer numbers, have been mailed to all customers.

Customer information sessions were held around the region in July. If you were unable to attend one of the sessions, visit Murray Irrigation's website and click on the 'Water' tab. Here you will be able to access the new *WaterNow* water order booklet and web ordering instruction guide. You will also be able to access a link to the web ordering instructional video.

For more information please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation final quarter invoices for 2012/13 were sent to customers last week. Accounts are due for payment by 5.00pm Friday 30 August. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

Any customer who is yet to receive this invoice, should contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

## New 1300 number for Murray Irrigation

Murray Irrigation has introduced a new reception number. The new number is **1300 138 265**. Murray Irrigation encourages customers to update their phone directories.

## Director vacancies

Nominations will soon be called to fill three Shareholder Director vacancies on the Murray Irrigation Limited Board of Directors, arising from three directors reaching the end of their current term. Full details will be included in a special *Talking Water* later this week. A letter will also be sent to shareholders this week.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security .....	46 %
Class B High Security .....	97 %
Class A Town Water .....	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation .....	0 %

## Water availability & usage

(06/08/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	57%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	488 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 .....	3,190 ML
Price Range .....	\$52 - \$60
Buy Offer .....	\$46
Last 10 Sales .....	1,165 ML
Price Range .....	\$50 - \$52

To buy water call 1300 781 431

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	1,000 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	250 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	0 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

23/07/13 – 06/08/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	2.2mm .....	22.6mm
Tullakool .....	4.0mm .....	23.8mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,732 GL .....	97 %
Hume .....	2,508 GL .....	83 %
Lake Victoria .....	591 GL .....	87 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,247 GL .....	72 %
Active Storage .....	8,078 GL .....	87 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	12,102 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo .....	6,145 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	4,457 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	12,911 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	1,055 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	3,713 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	1,334 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	383 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	8,088 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.83 m
Murray to the Sea .....	4 gates open

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