

TalkingWater

Tuesday 20 August 2013



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

The Murray Irrigation channel system is now full, allowing system wide deliveries to commence for the vast majority of customers. Off allocation water is also available, as the NSW Office of Water announced last week that supplementary water access would continue until at least Wednesday 28 August.

Customers who wish to discuss water deliveries should contact either their Channel Attendant or their local Water Distribution Supervisor via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

WaterNow update

Murray Irrigation recently launched its new water ordering system, *WaterNow*. Customers are reminded that they must login to *WaterNow* using their new seven digit customer number and existing PIN. If a PIN is not working, call Murray Irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265 to have it reset.

For assistance with using *WaterNow*, please contact Murray irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265 during business hours and request an appointment with your local Water Distribution Supervisor, or call into the Murray Irrigation offices between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. No appointment is necessary.

For after-hours enquiries please call Murray Irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265 and leave a message. The message will be received by Water Distribution staff prior to 6.30am, who will contact customers where necessary.

Round 4 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

The Australian Government has announced \$100M for Round 4 of its On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. Customer workshops are being held at the following venues:

- Tomorrow, Wednesday 21 August - Deniliquin Coach House Hotel;
- Thursday 22 August - Finley Bowling Club.

The workshops start at 9.30am. Previous Round 3 applicants need to submit a new expression of interest and should attend these workshops. For more information, call Aimee Snowden on T. 1300 138 265.

Director vacancies

Nominations have been called to fill three Shareholder Director vacancies on the Murray Irrigation Limited Board of Directors. Nominations must be lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) by **5.00pm AEST Friday 30 August 2013**. To obtain an Information Package, which includes a nomination form, contact Murray Irrigation

Executive Assistant Alison Bult via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

State Water price determination

The ACCC has now published an application from State Water for regulated charges to apply from 1 July 2014 and is calling for public comment. The ACCC is now responsible for approving State Water's regulated charges in the Murray-Darling Basin. The ACCC will release a draft decision in February 2014.

The State Water application outlines a stepped change to its tariff structure moving to increasingly fixed charges by 2017. Murray Irrigation will make a submission and participate in the consultation process.

Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its annual general meeting at the Finley RS Club from 7.30pm on Thursday 12 September. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to meet the Murray Irrigation Director candidates. For more information, contact David Alexander on M. 0429 833 382.

West Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.00pm this Thursday 22 August. For more information, contact James Sides on M. 0427 236 791.

Landholder Association AGMs

Denibootea Landholders' Association is holding its AGM at the Caldwell Hall from 7.00pm next Monday 26 August. For more information, contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Denimein Landholders' Association is holding its AGM at the Pretty Pine Rec Reserve from 7.00pm next Wednesday 28 August. For more information, contact Adrian Dunmore on M. 0428 816 901.

Rice pre-season meetings

Annual rice pre-season meetings are as follows:

- Wakool Services Club, Tuesday 27 August, 6.30pm;
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Wednesday 28 August, 9.15am;
- Finley RS Club, Wednesday 28 August, 1.30pm.

For more information, contact Andrew Bomm T. 02 6953 0433.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security57 %
Class B High Security.....97 %
Class A Town Water.....100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %

Water availability & usage

(20/08/13)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements67 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 579 GL
On-Farm Usage..... 1 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage..... 1 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale4,149 ML
Price Range \$53 - \$60
Buy Offer \$50
Last 10 Sales2,755 ML
Price Range \$50 - \$53
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 1,200 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 407 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows..... 0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

06/08/13 – 20/08/13 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,784 GL.....98 %
Hume.....2,727 GL.....91 %
Lake Victoria.....585 GL.....86 %
Menindee Lakes1,229 GL.....71 %
Active Storage.....8,325 GL.....90 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 14,391 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 9,371 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 28,200 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 39,159 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....2,849 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,193 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 1,336 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy N/A
Flow to SA 15,337 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.91 m
Murray to the Sea 37 gates open

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