

TalkingWater

Tuesday 3 September 2013



Murray Irrigation

Allocation announcement update

Yesterday Murray Irrigation announced general security (Class C) customers received an increased allocation of 22 percent, taking the total to 79 percent of water entitlements.

Yesterday the NSW Office of Water (NOW) also advised that allocation trade into the Murrumbidgee Valley will only be approved against equivalent trades out. For more information, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Off allocation water

Customers are reminded that off allocation water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes is due to end on Wednesday 4 September, unless otherwise advised. Murray Irrigation will advise customers of the extension or cessation of off allocation water as soon as it is able after advice is received from NOW.

PIIOP Early Works outlet issues

Murray Irrigation wishes to advise customers of some implementation issues associated with our new SlipMeter™ outlets. Customers who have a SlipMeter™ outlet should monitor the outlet while taking delivery of water and report any unusual outlet behaviour to their Channel Attendant.

Water Exchange rules

Customers are reminded that payment for Water Exchange purchases is due within one business day of the purchase. Water purchased is available for use but cannot be transferred or traded until payment is received.

Spraying of supply channels

Murray Irrigation has commenced spraying its irrigation supply channels. This will include structures, access tracks and emergent and noxious weeds on banks. Spraying will be in the Finley, Deniliquin and Wakool areas. Affected customers will be notified by their usual communication preference (i.e. fax, email or post). For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP customer meetings

As part of Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) 2013/14 and 2014/15 Works Program, Divisions 5, 7 and part of Division 9 will be upgraded to our high level of irrigation service. Customers in these divisions have been sent an invitation to attend an information session:

- Blighty Recreation Reserve – Wednesday 4 September, 10.00am to 11.00am;
- Finley RS Club – Wednesday 4 September, 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

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. 1300 138 265.

Round 4 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

Customers must submit an Expression of Interest form by **5.00pm Friday 20 September**. Staff will be available to assist with applications at Murray Irrigation offices between 10.00am and 4.00pm on:

- Wakool - Wednesday 4 September;
- Deniliquin - Thursday 5 September;
- Finley - Friday 6 September.

Contact Aimee Snowden, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Regional Wellbeing Survey

The University of Canberra, as part of the Murray-Darling Futures Collaborative Research Centre, is conducting a Regional Wellbeing Survey to identify how changes to policy and agriculture affect farming communities. To complete the survey online go to www.regionalwellbeing.org.au. For more information about the survey, go to www.canberra.edu.au/murray-darling-crn/regional-wellbeing.

Telstra mobile phone coverage

Telstra is seeking customer feedback to help find network coverage 'black spots' in an effort to improve its mobile phone coverage in rural Australia. This is where there is mobile or mobile broadband coverage but it doesn't perform to expectations. Customers can provide feedback on coverage by visiting: www.telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/coverage-feedback/; or emailing: riversnamurraytcw@team.telstra.com.

Tax options for irrigators

Recent changes to income tax law now mean that taxpayers have a choice in how water infrastructure improvements are treated for income tax purposes. It applies to taxpayers who are eligible participants in a sustainable rural water use and infrastructure program. For full details, visit: www.ato.gov.au/water.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	79 %
Class B High Security	97 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	0 %

Water availability & usage

(03/09/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	84 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	733 GL
On-Farm Usage	40 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	40 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	1,832 ML
Price Range	\$64 - \$87
Buy Offer	\$54
Last 10 Sales	2,238 ML
Price Range	\$59 - \$63

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	4,950 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,700 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

20/08/13 – 03/09/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	1.6mm	19.3mm
Tullakool	1.0mm	21.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,790 GL	98 %
Hume	2,963 GL	99 %
Lake Victoria	581 GL	86 %
Menindee Lakes	1,215 GL	70 %
Active Storage	8,549 GL	92 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	11,702 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	9,399 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	20,900 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	29,073 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	8,723 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	1,240 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	1,350 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	N/A
Flow to SA	15,374 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.82 m
Murray to the Sea	41 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**