

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 September 2013



Murray Irrigation

Postal ballot

Yesterday Murray Irrigation announced an election to fill three Board vacancies, which arise by scheduled rotation.

The candidates are:

- Tim McKindlay
- Noel Graham
- James Sides
- Bruce Simpson

To be eligible to vote, shareholders need to have paid all outstanding accounts by 5.00pm on Friday 13 September.

Off allocation water access

Murray Irrigation will soon exhaust all its available supplementary allocation and as a result will not be extending off allocation water access beyond the presently scheduled conclusion on Wednesday 11 September.

Customers are reminded that today is the last full day of off allocation water access. If customers do not want to continue irrigating with on allocation water, they must place a finish order for operating outlets before 6.30am tomorrow, Wednesday 11 September.

Murray Irrigation has also prepared a fact sheet on supplementary water. It will be posted to the Murray Irrigation website later today.

For further Information, please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Assistance with using WaterNow

Murray Irrigation is currently experiencing very high demand for assistance with using Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system *WaterNow*. For assistance, customers should call into any Murray Irrigation office between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. No appointment is necessary during these times.

If assistance is required outside of these times, customers are required to make an appointment via reception on T. 1300 138 265. For after-hours enquiries please call 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.

Contacting Planners

Customers are encouraged to contact Murray Irrigation planning staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265. The old contact number (T. 03

5898 3304) is no longer in use by planning staff. Murray Irrigation strongly encourages customers to update their phone directories.

Round 4 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

Customers must submit an Expression of Interest form by 5.00pm Friday 20 September. Please submit your form as early as possible. For more information, contact Aimee Snowden via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Financial arrangements

Water accounts will be placed on stop supply at the end of September for any customer who has outstanding 2012/13 debts and no payment arrangement in place. Murray Irrigation encourages customers in this circumstance to establish arrangements to help reduce debt owed to Murray Irrigation. For more information, please contact Colin Dowell, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Murrumbidgee trade imbalance

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, last week confirmed that allocation trades into the Murrumbidgee Valley have reached their limit and that further trades would only be approved against equivalent or greater trades out of the Murrumbidgee Valley. For more information, visit the NSW Office of Water website: www.water.nsw.gov.au.

Wakool Landholders' AGM

The Wakool Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Club from 7.00pm, Wednesday 11 September. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to meet Murray Irrigation Director candidates. For more information, contact David May on M. 0427 539 248.

Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

The Berriquin Irrigators' Council (BIC) is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Finley RS Club from 7.30pm Thursday 12 September. One of the key agenda items will be the future of BIC and Southern Riverina Irrigators. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to meet Murray Irrigation Director candidates. For more information, contact David Alexander on M. 0429 833 382 or Bruce Atkinson on M. 0429 635 417.

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 and usage

(10/09/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	84 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	733 GL
On-Farm Usage	87 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	87 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	3,825 ML
Price Range	\$64 - \$87
Buy Offer	\$60
Last 10 Sales	1,910 ML
Price Range	\$60 - \$64
To buy water call 1300 781 431	

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	6,100 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,650 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall and evaporation

03/09/13 – 10/09/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	25.1mm
Tullakool	0.0mm	35.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,787 GL	98 %
Hume	2,971 GL	99 %
Lake Victoria	595 GL	88 %
Menindee Lakes	1,208 GL	70 %
Active Storage	8,561 GL	92 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	8,851 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallando	3,914 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	20,179 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	21,569 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	2,312 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	1,385 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	1,171 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	N/A
Flow to SA	15,135 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.73 m
Murray to the Sea	36 gates open

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