

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 17 September 2013



Murray Irrigation

## Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) yesterday announced increased allocations for general security water users in the NSW Murray Valley. Murray Irrigation general security (Class C) customers received an increase of 12 percent, which brings total allocation to 91 percent of water entitlements. The NOW announcement is available under 'Water Resources Updates' on Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Regional allocation update

General security allocation in the NSW Murrumbidgee Valley increased by five percent yesterday. This now provides 33 percent of entitlement.

Seasonal determination in the Victorian Murray Valley is now 100 percent of high-reliability water shares, an increase of 34 percent. The Victorian Goulburn, Campaspe and Loddon systems are unchanged at 100 percent of high-reliability water shares.

## New Ministry announced

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has announced Greg Hunt as Minister for the Environment (including Water) and Senator Simon Birmingham as his Parliamentary Secretary taking responsibility for the Murray-Darling Basin. Barnaby Joyce is Minister for Agriculture.

## First quarter accounts

The first quarter account for 2013/14 will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 30 September. Customers have until **5.00pm Wednesday 2 October** to transfer annual delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee (which applies where water use is greater than 120 percent of delivery entitlements on a landholding or consolidated account).

Details of the volume of water used and whether your landholding or consolidated account requires delivery entitlements to be transferred to offset the Casual Usage Fee is available from *WaterNow*.

Delivery entitlements can be bought and sold from the Murray Irrigation Exchange. Customers with delivery entitlements surplus to their requirements are encouraged to consider listing them for

sale. For further information contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Postal ballot

An election via postal ballot will be conducted to fill three shareholder director vacancies. Ballot papers will be distributed today, Tuesday 17 September. Ballots must be returned to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in Melbourne by 5.00pm Friday 11 October. For all enquiries, contact AEC returning officer, Mario Chindamo, on T. 03 9285 7108.

## Rice maps

Rice maps are now available in the 'Customer login' section of Murray Irrigation's website.

## Round 4 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

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

## Blighty Pilot Field Day

Murray Irrigation is holding a Blighty Pilot Automation Field Day on Tuesday 1 October commencing at 12.30pm at the boundary of Singleton's and Osborne's properties between Blighty and Finley. For more information, visit 'Current activities' on Murray Irrigation's website, or contact Lauren Noonan on T. 1300 138 265.

## Review of Water Sharing Plan

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, yesterday agreed to proposed changes to 31 NSW Water Sharing Plans (WSP).

NSW Office of Water (NOW) recommended the Minister make minor amendments for the NSW Murray and Lower Darling WSP to update to current policy positions and consider rule changes to support drought management. The NOW report can be accessed at: <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-sharing-plans/Plans-review#review>.

Murray Irrigation will participate in any consultation that is undertaken.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security .....	91 %
Class B High Security .....	97 %
Class A Town Water .....	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation .....	0 %

## Water availability and usage

(17/09/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	95 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance.....	814 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	103 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	15 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	88 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale .....	6,002 ML
Price Range .....	\$61 - \$87
Buy Offer.....	\$58
Last 10 Sales .....	1,614 ML
Price Range .....	\$58 - \$60

To buy water call 1300 781 431

## Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	600 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	200 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	0 ML/day

## Rainfall and evaporation

10/09/13 – 17/09/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	14.7mm	17.4mm
Tullakool.....	39.0mm	19.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,795 GL.....	98 %
Hume.....	2,960 GL.....	99 %
Lake Victoria.....	628 GL.....	93 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,201 GL.....	69 %
Active Storage.....	8,584 GL.....	92 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic .....	10,236 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	4,100 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	18,812 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	23,754 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....	1,185 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,346 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	1,007 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	180 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	15,689 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.98 m
Murray to the Sea .....	36 gates open

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