

TalkingWater

Tuesday 24 September 2013



Murray Irrigation

First quarter accounts

The first quarter account for 2013/14 will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 30 September. Customers have until **midday Friday 4 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*.

Customers with consolidated accounts for billing purposes at this point cannot see via *WaterNow* their consolidated account position. If in doubt about whether you need additional delivery entitlements to avoid paying the Casual Usage Fee, please contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

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.

Stop supply

Customers who have unpaid accounts from 2012/13 or prior, and who have not made an arrangement to pay this amount, will be placed 'on stop' for water supply purposes from Wednesday 2 October. For payment arrangement enquiries, contact our Finance team via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Postal ballot

An election via postal ballot is being conducted to fill three shareholder director vacancies. Ballot papers 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.

LLS funding framework

The NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has issued a draft report that proposes a funding framework for the new Local Land

Services (LLS) boards established by the NSW Government. Under the LLS model, IPART must design principles against which local LLS boards determine their rates. The draft report outlines three key principles:

- Government agencies and primary producers must be treated equally regarding cost recovery;
- Smaller landholdings between two and 10 Ha should now be included in rates allocations;
- Rates should be levied based on land size not stock-carrying capacity.

The draft is open for public comment and stakeholders can respond to the paper by Tuesday 15 October. For more information go to: www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Blighty Pilot Field Day

Murray Irrigation is hosting a Blighty Pilot Automation Field Day at 12.30pm on Tuesday 1 October. It will be held at the boundary of Singleton's and Osborne's properties between Blighty and Finley.

This field day will show customers where the future is heading for our channel system and the benefits for your farm business. For more information, visit the 'Current activities' section of Murray Irrigation's website, or contact Lauren Noonan 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 and how to better support health and wellbeing in regional centres. If more than 100 people complete the survey from our region, the study group will produce a localised analysis of results. For more information about the survey, go to www.canberra.edu.au/murray-darling-crn/regional-wellbeing.

Tribute to Paul Dix

Murray Irrigation directors and staff wish to pay tribute to popular local radio 2QN announcer Paul Dix who passed away last week. Our sympathy is extended to Paul's family during this sad time.

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

(24/09/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	95 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance.....	812 GL
On-Farm Usage	115 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	27 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	4,570 ML
Price Range	\$63 - \$87
Buy Offer.....	\$61
Last 10 Sales	2,152 ML
Price Range	\$60 - \$62

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	1,000 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

17/09/13 – 24/09/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	4.0mm	22.6mm
Tullakool.....	4.2mm	25.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,808 GL.....	99 %
Hume.....	2,979 GL.....	99 %
Lake Victoria.....	637 GL.....	94 %
Menindee Lakes	1,175 GL.....	68 %
Active Storage.....	8,599 GL.....	93 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	11,195 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	5,665 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	24,405 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	29,999 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....	9,477 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,344 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	833 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	180 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	25,193 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.85 m
Murray to the Sea	30 gates open

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