

# Talking Water

Tuesday 8 October 2013



Murray Irrigation

## Murray Water Exchange

Murray Irrigation launches its expanded Exchange operation in South Australia this week, following South Australian irrigator briefings last week. The expansion of the Exchange involves Murray Irrigation streamlining interstate trades. The expanded facility is called the *Murray Water Exchange*.

The *Murray Water Exchange* project has been developed in response to feedback from customers and water holders. The *Murray Water Exchange* allows farmers to sell their temporary water allocation directly to farmers, links buyers and sellers, and provides extensive, live, transparent information to the market.

The *Murray Water Exchange* is a fast, cost effective, and transparent option for water licence holders to sell their allocation to other farmers. The South Australian *Murray Water Exchange* portal is at: [www.murraywaterexchange.com.au](http://www.murraywaterexchange.com.au). Arrangements for Murray Irrigation's customers are not affected by this launch.

## Water allocation credit provision

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit for unused domestic pipe outlets this season. Applications must be made on the prescribed form (Form WM1) and received by Murray Irrigation no later than **5.00pm Friday 18 October**.

Pipe outlets that have diverted water already this season are not eligible. Application forms are available from the 'Customers' then 'Forms' section of Murray Irrigation's website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Flow restrictions

Murray Irrigation advises that customers who experienced flow restrictions during the 2012/13 irrigation season are at high risk of experiencing those conditions again during 2013/14. As a rough rule of thumb, if restrictions are necessary because irrigation demand exceeds the supply capacity of the channel, the minimum flow rate would be approximately 5ML/day (or four revs.) per flow share (not per outlet).

Customers who are concerned about potential restrictions or who are planning a larger irrigation program than last season are encouraged to contact their local Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

## Round 4 On-farm Irrigation Efficiency

Murray Irrigation has sent its Round 4 on-farm irrigation efficiency program delivery partner application to the Commonwealth Government. Historically assessment of these applications has taken approximately five months. We hope to get a response from the Commonwealth in the first quarter of 2014.

## 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 this Friday 11 October**. For all enquiries, contact AEC returning officer, Mario Chindamo, on T. 03 9285 7108.

## LLS chairs appointed

The NSW Government has announced its inaugural Local Land Services (LLS) regional chairs. Among the 11 regional chairs is Alex Anthony, who will Chair the Murray LLS Board. Murray Irrigation congratulates Alex, who is a former Murray Irrigation Director, on her appointment.

## Constraints management

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) will publish a draft constraints management strategy for public consultation. The draft will be available on the MDBA website for comment from 9 to 30 October 2013. The constraints management strategy is a requirement of the Basin Plan for the MDBA to identify constraints to environmental water delivery and recommendations for management to be considered by the State and Federal Ministers. The strategy is to be finalised by the end of the year and will be a high level document that will focus mainly on constraints in the southern Basin. For more information visit: [www.mdba.gov.au](http://www.mdba.gov.au).

## Inflows summary

Warmer and drier conditions during September reduced the inflows to the River Murray system. Inflows (excluding Snowy and Darling inflows) fell from around 1,750GL in August to 1,050GL during September. This total was well below the long-term September average of around 1,600GL, and comparable with the September average for the last 10 years.

**Anthony Couroupis, General Manager**

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(08/10/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	93 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance.....	810 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	183 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	95 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	88 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale .....	8,787 ML
Price Range .....	\$63 - \$100
Buy Offer.....	\$61
Last 10 Sales .....	823 ML
Price Range .....	\$61 - \$63

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	3,800 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	1,250 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	0 ML/day

## Rainfall and evaporation

01/10/13 – 08/10/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	9.1mm	31.7mm
Tullakool.....	7.8mm	32.2mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	N/A.....	N/A
Hume.....	2,941 GL.....	98 %
Lake Victoria.....	N/A.....	N/A
Menindee Lakes .....	1,143 GL.....	66 %
Active Storage.....	N/A.....	N/A

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic .....	6,406 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	3,199 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	21,221 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	17,971 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....	1,409 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,025 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	738 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	145 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	N/A
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.96 m
Murray to the Sea .....	N/A

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