

Talking Water

Tuesday 29 October 2013



Murray Irrigation

Changed arrangements for Planners

Murray Irrigation Regional Planning staff have commenced an additional shift which provides improved customer service. The new evening shift is effective immediately. It allows for better responses to "unsatisfied orders" placed by customers and more efficient responses to alarms and callouts.

Arrangements for contacting Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. Customers can leave a message via reception (including after hours), or leave a message with their water order. These messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. Customers may expect phone responses from Murray Irrigation staff up until 8.30pm, where that enquiry requires attention before 6.30am the next day.

Water ordering system rebrand

As customers are aware, Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system, *WaterNow*, was launched in July 2013. Despite the company's due diligence process, a trademark issue has arisen. As such, Murray Irrigation will cease use of the name *WaterNow* effective 1 November. The new water ordering system will be referred to as 'Water Ordering' until rebranded.

Communication settings

Customers are strongly encouraged to register to receive order start and end alerts via SMS or email. This can be achieved by logging into *WaterNow*, via the home page of Murray Irrigation's website, or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Customers outside of the Blighty Pilot will receive these notifications at approximately 7.30pm the day before an order takes effect. Customers can also check the *WaterNow* website after 6.30am to see if the order has been confirmed.

Director election results

A summary of the vote count from the recent director election is available from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Annual Report and AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2013 Annual Report is now available via the 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. The Annual Report has been posted to shareholders

that have elected to receive a copy, with the notice of meeting and proxy form.

Murray Irrigation's 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club at 10.30am on Thursday 21 November.

Irrigated Wheat Variety Field Day

An Irrigated Wheat Variety Field Day will be held on the Morona family property 'Archdale North', Lindifferon Lane, Deniliquin, this Friday 1 November from 10.30am. The field day will be at the site of the Variety Specific Agronomy Package trial where 30 wheat varieties have been sown at three sowing times. The site is 10km east of the Conargo Road and 2km west of Forest Creek Road. For more information, contact John Fowler from the Murray CMA on M. 0427 079 138.

Soybean growers update

SoyAustralia is holding a Southern Riverina soybean growers update at the Finley RS Club from 8.30am to noon on Thursday 7 November. Topics of the session include:

- 2012/13 crop performance;
- Variety performance update;
- Successful nodulation, including seed and fertiliser placement at sowing;
- Crop establishment;
- Integrated pest management; and
- Market updates, options, delivery points and quality requirements.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Mary Raynes from Pulse Australia on M. 0408 591 193.

Office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Tuesday 5 November for a Murray Irrigation staff holiday. Offices will reopen from 8.30am Wednesday 6 November. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 6 November. There will be no 'On The Land' radio segment next week. It will return on Tuesday 12 November. Water deliveries will be uninterrupted.

Water usage data correction

The data published in *Talking Water* in recent weeks, for both on-farm water usage and on-farm water availability, has been wrong. The data has since been corrected.

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

(29/10/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	87 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	742 GL
On-Farm Usage	251 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	163 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	4,817 ML
Price Range	\$73 - \$150
Buy Offer	\$62
Last 10 Sales	1,955 ML
Price Range	\$66 - \$74

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	4,360 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	1,080 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	400 ML/day

Rainfall and evaporation

22/10/13 – 29/10/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	7.9mm	35.2mm
Tullakool.....	4.2mm	38.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,821 GL.....	99 %
Hume.....	2,747 GL.....	91 %
Lake Victoria.....	671 GL.....	99 %
Menindee Lakes	1,049 GL.....	61 %
Active Storage.....	8,288 GL.....	89 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	4,947 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	2,886 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	16,775 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	15,114 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....	3,164 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,166 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	405 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	180 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	15,689 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.81 m
Murray to the Sea	13 gates open

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