

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 12 November 2013



Murray Irrigation

## PIIOP customer meetings

Division 4 and 6 customers have been mailed an invitation to attend a Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) rollout information session later this month. Details are as follows:

- Division 6 - Logie Brae Hall, Monday 25 November, from 8.30am;
- Division 4 - Jerilderie Civic Hall, Tuesday 26 November, from 8.30am.

These meetings are an important opportunity for customers to ask questions about changes to their channel and outlets' operations. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Use of emergency number

Customers should only use the Murray Irrigation emergency number in an emergency. If you are having trouble placing orders, call reception on T. 1300 138 265 and you will be directed to the appropriate staff member. If the line is busy, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible. Planning staff receive messages left on the reception number after hours, with Planning staff available seven days a week.

## Rice growing reminder

Rice growers are reminded to ensure that rice water remains on-farm at all times. Please report any unintended discharges of rice water from your landholding immediately to reception on T. 1300 138 265. Historically, pesticide detections in the drainage system have been associated with rainfall events similar to the rainfall event forecast for this week.

## SunRice mapping project

SunRice is requiring growers to map the exact rice paddock location on their landholding. Rice Soil Suitability Maps are available in the customer portal of the Murray Irrigation website - use your seven-digit customer number and four-digit PIN to log in. For further information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Quarterly invoices

First quarter tax invoices have been sent to customers. Payment is due by 5.00pm Friday 29 November. Customers are reminded that to be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid. For details contact Finance, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

## Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club at 10.30am on Thursday 21 November. Proxy Forms must be received by 10.30am on Tuesday 19 November (48 hours before the AGM).

## NSW Irrigators' Council AGM

Murray Irrigation Director Tim McKindlay and Policy Officer Perin Davey attended the NSW Irrigators' Council AGM last week. Richard Stott was re-elected chairman. The Hon Senator Simon Birmingham, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, provided a brief update on Basin Plan implementation. This included advice that the Government will proceed to limit buyback to 1,500GL as well as its intention to implement the Basin Plan.

## October inflows summary

System inflows for October were well below the long-term average of around 1,400GL, less than last year's total of around 800GL and the lowest since 2008.

## Irrigation opportunities

Murray Dairy is holding an Irrigation Opportunities course at the Tocumwal Golf Club this month. Attendees will receive expert advice from industry specialists on how to achieve optimal outcomes from their irrigation system.

The course is run over three days – Thursdays 14 and 21 November and 5 December, from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day. Places are limited. For more information, or to book, contact Murray Dairy on T. 03 5833 5316.

## West Berriquin Irrigators' meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding a short extraordinary meeting to fill its vacant positions on Thursday 28 November. The meeting will be held at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel in Victoria Street, Deniliquin, from 7.30pm. Christmas drinks and nibbles will follow. For more information, contact James Sides on M. 0427 236 791.

**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

(12/11/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	81 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	691 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	308 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	220 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	88 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale .....	5,510 ML
Price Range .....	\$75 - \$150
Buy Offer .....	\$68
Last 10 Sales .....	1,451 ML
Price Range .....	\$70 - \$75
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	1,950 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	700 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	40 ML/day

## Rainfall and evaporation

05/11/13 – 12/11/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	2.3mm	47.9mm
Tullakool.....	2.2mm	51.9mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,808 GL.....	99 %
Hume.....	2,585 GL.....	86 %
Lake Victoria.....	642 GL.....	95 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,011 GL.....	58 %
Active Storage.....	8,046 GL.....	87 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic .....	2,734 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	2,773 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	14,176 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	15,139 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....	1,406 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,253 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	303 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	123 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	14,104 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.76 m
Murray to the Sea .....	10 gates open

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