

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 December 2013



Murray Irrigation

Potential four-day wait for orders

Due to the recent rainfall and the resultant significant reduction in diversions, Murray Irrigation reminds its customers to plan well in advance when re-ordering water. Customers should provide as much notice as possible to avoid the potential of a four-day wait. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Christmas operations

Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from noon Tuesday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Thursday 2 January. Further information will be sent to customers via a special *Talking Water* next week.

External transfers over Christmas

State Water will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from Thursday 19 December to Wednesday 1 January inclusive, reopening Thursday 2 January. Customers wishing to carry out external transfers to or from Murray Irrigation over this period should lodge their application with Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm Monday 16 December.

Deemed usage deduction

Deemed usage of 2ML for each stock and domestic pipe was deducted from customers' water allocation accounts on Friday 8 November. Historically, deemed usage is debited at the start of an irrigation season, once an allocation announcement has been made. Due to the implementation of Murray Irrigation's new water ordering system, this did not occur. In future, deemed usage of 2ML will occur at the start of the irrigation season. Customers with questions about this 2ML debit should contact their Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Opportunity to lease farm house

Murray Irrigation's PIIOF team is looking to lease a farm house and associated shedding (preferably secure), preferably around Finley. The next two years of PIIOF implementation is centred in the Berriquin area and the PIIOF team needs a site for storage of outlets and a house that may be suitable to be used as an office for staff involved in on-ground works. An all-weather site with good heavy vehicle access would be preferred. Please contact Murray Irrigation's Harley Bond, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265 if you may have something suitable.

New fact sheets

Murray Irrigation has produced three new fact sheets for our customers' convenience. They are: *Amalgamation*, *Water allocation report* and *Water allocation report (orders)*. The new fact sheets can be found on our website under 'Customers' then 'Customer Information' and 'Fact sheets'.

Project delivery panel suppliers

Murray Irrigation is inviting interested suppliers to submit an Expression of Interest to be considered for appointment to the **PIIOF Project Delivery Panel** and the **Sub-System Retirement Project Supplier Panel**. Full details are available at: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Corporate', then 'Jobs and tenders'. Alternatively, you can call reception on T. 1300 138 265 for more information.

November 2013 Basin summary

It was relatively dry across the Murray-Darling Basin during November. The Bureau of Meteorology has reported that overall rainfall for the Basin was 37 percent below the long-term mean, the 29th lowest November rainfall on record.

Inflows to the River Murray System have continued to steadily recede. Monthly inflows (excluding Snowy and Darling and environmental inflows) decreased from around 500GL in October to around 300GL during November. This means that inflows generated across the upper Murray catchments were in the lowest 15 percent of records for the month of November.

Rice establishment meetings

The Rice Extension Management Committee is holding a series of Murray Valley Rice Crop Establishment and Panicle Initiation meetings next week. The first will be held at Michael Chalmers' property 'Koonwarra' near Noorong from 10.00am on Tuesday 17 December. The second will be held at Robert Caldwell's 'Ballymeade' in Bunnaloo from 3.00pm on Tuesday 17 December, while the final meeting will be at John Hand's property 'Eddington' in Mayrung from 10.00am on Wednesday 18 December. For more information, contact John Fowler from the Murray Catchment Management Authority on M. 0427 079 138.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	6 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)	

Water availability and usage

(10/12/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	81 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	684 GL
On-Farm Usage	387 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	299 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	12,553 ML
Price Range	\$83 - \$200
Buy Offer	\$68
Last 10 Sales	1,983 ML
Price Range	\$77 - \$84

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

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

Rainfall and evaporation

03/12/13 - 10/12/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	35.8mm	48.0mm
Tullakool	40.4mm	54.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,765 GL	98 %
Hume	2,350 GL	78 %
Lake Victoria	590 GL	87 %
Menindee Lakes	881 GL	51 %
Active Storage	7,586 GL	82 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	6,796 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	5,241 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	10,732 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	12,566 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	6,755 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	787 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	24 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	370 ML/d
Flow to SA	14,277 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.84 m
Murray to the Sea	12 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**