

# Talking Water

Tuesday 17 December 2013



Murray Irrigation

## Finley Water Distribution Supervisor

Geoff Shepherd yesterday commenced an advisory role to achieve additional outcomes through PIOP's implementation. Geoff's knowledge and expertise will enhance the outcomes of the company's investment in new infrastructure. Geoff is no longer responsible for Finley Water Distribution staff.

David Whelan is now Acting Finley Water Distribution Supervisor until the conclusion of this irrigation season.

## Water ordering online

Customers are reminded that the address for Murray Irrigation's online water ordering system has changed to: [water.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://water.murrayirrigation.com.au). The new address is also accessible by clicking the 'Water Ordering login' button on the home page of Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Advance orders

Due to an increase in demand for water, customers may be experiencing some difficulty in lodging successful start and increase water orders at short notice (less than four days). Customers are reminded to provide four days' notice for start and increase orders to ensure delivery within that timeframe. If the Water Ordering System is unable to meet your preferred start or increase date, customers should place an "unsatisfied" order, and planning staff will be in contact.

## High level of service implementation

Customers in Murray Irrigation's Early Works project area whose outlets were recently upgraded to the high level of service (HLOS) option are advised that the minor technical issue associated with the implementation has now been resolved. If you are still experiencing difficulty in accessing the HLOS options when placing water orders, contact your Water Distribution Supervisor via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Rice establishment meetings

The Rice Extension Management Committee is holding a series of Murray Valley Rice Crop Establishment and Panicle Initiation meetings this week. The next meeting will be held at Robert Caldwell's property 'Ballymeade', Bunnaloo, from 3.00pm today, the final meeting will be at John Hand's property

'Eddington', Mayrunga from 10.00am tomorrow, Wednesday 18 December. For more information, contact John Fowler from the Murray Catchment Management Authority on M. 0427 079 138.

## Scheduled IT maintenance

Murray Irrigation will be conducting scheduled maintenance on its server between 7.00pm and 8.00pm tonight. This will affect water ordering and our website during this time, so please place water orders outside of this hour. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## EPBC listing disallowed

The listing of the Murray River from Wentworth to the sea under the Environment Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act was disallowed in Parliament last week. The motion, supported by Cabinet, was moved by South Australian Liberal MP, Tony Pasin. At the same time, NSW Nationals MP, Mark Coulton moved a similarly successful motion to disallow a listing for the Macquarie Marshes.

## Menindee Lakes

The Federal and NSW Governments last week announced a new funding agreement of up to \$800,000 to undertake detailed project planning and design work for a project at Menindee Lakes to save 80GL per year. The scoping work is due to be completed in late 2014. As part of the shared water resource, Menindee Lakes is managed to increase water access for NSW, Victoria and South Australia. Murray Irrigation will be seeking assurances from the NSW Government that there will be no negative impacts on the reliability of NSW Murray entitlements from the Menindee Lakes project.

## 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* this week.

The next edition of *Talking Water* will be issued on Tuesday 7 January. On behalf of everyone at Murray Irrigation, I sincerely wish all customers a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

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

(17/12/13)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 78 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 662 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 409 GL || Comprising: | |
| On-Allocation Usage ..... | 321 GL |
| Off-Allocation Usage ..... | 88 GL |

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 12,320 ML || Price Range ..... | \$85 - \$200 |
Buy Offer .....	\$79
Last 10 Sales .....	1,523 ML
Price Range .....	\$80 - \$85
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**	

## Channel flows

Today  
Mulwala Canal..... 4,700 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 10,000 ML/day || Wakool Canal ..... | 1,050 ML/day |
| Capacity ..... | 2,350 ML/day |
| Total Escape Flows ..... | 640 ML/day |

## Rainfall and evaporation

10/12/13 - 17/12/13 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	0.0mm	59.9mm
Tullakool.....	0.0mm	63.2mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth..... 3,735 GL..... 97 %  
Hume..... 2,314 GL..... 77 %  
Lake Victoria..... 591 GL..... 87 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 822 GL..... 47 % || Active Storage..... | 7,462 GL..... 81 % |

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Jingellic ..... 5,848 ML/d || Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon..... | 5,263 ML/d |
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	18,775 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	10,467 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....	6,633 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	991 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	20 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	1,900 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	9,781 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.71 m
Murray to the Sea .....	7 gates open

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