

Talking Water

Tuesday 7 January 2014



Murray Irrigation

Water Exchange purchase terms

Customers are reminded of the Water Exchange terms and conditions which require buyers to pay Murray Irrigation within one business day for their purchase including the purchase fee of \$20. The payment amount is advised to the buyer when a purchase is made. The alternative arrangements in place over the Christmas / New Year period have now ceased.

Murray Irrigation sends invoices to successful buyers on the day of the purchase, for purchases made up to 4.00pm, or the next business day if the purchase is made on a weekend or a public holiday. If you are in doubt about the payment amount, please contact the Water Exchange as soon as possible, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265, or email wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Buyers that do not meet payment requirements may be suspended from the Exchange. The terms and conditions of the Water Exchange are available here: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/water/water-trade.

Transfer history customer portal

Customers are advised that the transfer history section in the 'Customer login' of Murray Irrigation's website is not currently operational. Customers are able to view their transfer history for purchases from the Exchange but not their transfer history for transfers between landholdings or non-Exchange transfers. Murray Irrigation understands this situation is not ideal and is seeking to restore this service. If you require assistance in the meantime, please contact Water Trade staff, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Casual usage fee

Customers have until **midday Friday 17 January** to transfer annual delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee for the second quarter account (which applies where water use is greater than 120 percent of delivery entitlements on a landholding or consolidated account). If in doubt about whether you need additional delivery entitlements to avoid paying the Casual Usage Fee, please contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Managing water allocation accounts

Customers wishing to authorise another person to manage their water allocation

accounts on their behalf need to complete 'Form 15'. Customers wishing to merge or consolidate water accounts need to complete 'Form 34'. Both forms are available from the 'Customers' then 'Forms' then 'General forms' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Consolidation for billing purposes does not merge water available on landholdings, this is only achieved by completing 'Form 34' and requesting accounts be merged.

Customers interested in these choices should discuss their options with Water Trade staff on T. 1300 138 265.

New fact sheets

Murray Irrigation has produced two new fact sheets for our customers' convenience in understanding the water ordering system. They are: *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'.

The fact sheets assist customers access and understand the information available to them in the water ordering system. For more information or assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Rice growing reminder

Rice growers are reminded that rice crops are approaching the panicle initiation (PI) stage. To avoid delays and difficulties, please be aware of your outlet/s finish time and provide as much notice as possible when ordering. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Rice PI paddock meetings

The Murray Local Land Services (LLS) is holding a series of panicle initiation (PI) walks this week. Details of remaining walks are as follows:

- Wednesday 8 January, 9.30am - Michael Hughes, meeting at 'Kalawar' Oro Rd (T. 03 5882 3580);
- Thursday, 9 January, 9.30am - Robert Caldwell's 'Ballymeade', Bunnaloo (T. 03 5489 7242).

For more information contact John Fowler, Extension Agronomist, Murray LLS 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

(07/01/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	56 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	489 GL
On-Farm Usage	512 GL

Comprising:

On-Allocation Usage	424 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	13,494 ML
Price Range	\$85 - \$200
Buy Offer	\$80
Last 10 Sales	420 ML
Price Range	\$85 - \$87

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	6,450 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,450 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,430 ML/day

Rainfall and evaporation

31/12/13 - 07/01/14	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	61.4mm
Tullakool.....	0.0mm	59.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,661 GL.....	95 %
Hume.....	2,071 GL.....	69 %
Lake Victoria.....	604 GL.....	89 %
Menindee Lakes	648 GL.....	37 %
Active Storage.....	6,984 GL.....	75 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	761 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	5,917 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	18,960 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	9,678 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....	980 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,044 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	3 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,191 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	8,767 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.70 m
Murray to the Sea	0 gates open

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