

Talking Water

Tuesday 14 January 2014



Murray Irrigation

Hot weather

Due to the hot weather and increased demand, customers should remain vigilant to avoid possible delay in water delivery. Please ensure you place your orders well in advance. Rice growers are also 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/s.

Casual usage fee

Customers have until **midday this 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 this fee, contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Water Exchange eNewsletter

In establishing the Murray Water Exchange, Murray Irrigation has begun a bi-monthly eNewsletter to provide information about water trading and water resources. The eNewsletter is published on the first and 15th day (or following business day) of each month. The next issue will be distributed tomorrow. One issue **only** will be sent to all *Talking Water* email subscribers tomorrow. Those who wish to continue receiving the eNewsletter can subscribe by visiting www.murraywaterexchange.com.au/latest-news/ and filling out the relevant information on the right-hand side.

MILCast price list update

Murray Irrigation has recently updated its MILCast product pricelist. A new catalogue is now available from the 'MILCast' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Alternatively, catalogues are available from our Deniliquin and Finley offices or via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Local Land Services elections

Arrangements for the inaugural Local Land Services Board member elections have been announced, with voting set to close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 12 March. Only persons on the Local Land Services electoral roll for the region will be eligible to vote. Ratepayers across the state are encouraged to enrol to vote. Enrolments close **5.00pm 17 February**. For more

information on how to enrol, visit:

<http://murray.ils.nsw.gov.au/our-region/our-board/elections>.

Gregson concludes with NSWIC

NSW Irrigators Council (NSWIC) Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Gregson, is departing from the organisation after six years. Mr Gregson has provided valuable strategic political insight through a critical time across a range of issues. He concludes with NSWIC on Friday 31 January. Murray Irrigation wishes him well in his future endeavours. NSWIC is currently seeking a replacement CEO.

Murray system inflow summary

The MDBA has reported total Murray system inflows for December 2013 (excluding Darling and Snowy inflows, and tributary inflows of trade and environmental water) was about 180GL, compared with an estimated 165GL last year and a long-term average of about 450GL.

Rice scholarship applications

Applications for the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) 2014 Tertiary Scholarships close this Friday 17 January. For more information, or to obtain an application form, call the RGA on T. 02 6953 0433, or visit www.rga.org.au.

Nature walk on rice

The Western Murray Land Improvement Group is hosting a free 'Nature Walk on Rice Day' with wildlife ecologist Matt Herring tomorrow, Wednesday 15 January. The event will be held at Polkinghorne's property 'Tralee' on the Narcurrie North Road (Windarra Lane), Moulamein. Signs will be provided on the day. Start time is at 4.00pm with dinner provided. For more information and bookings, contact Rick Ellis on M. 0428 372 357.

Irrigation opportunities

Murray Dairy is holding an Irrigation Opportunities course at Tocumwal next month. Attendees will receive advice from industry experts on how to achieve optimal outcomes from their irrigation system. The course is run over three days – Thursdays 6 and 20 February and 6 March, from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day and places are limited. For more information, contact Murray Dairy on T. 03 5833 5316.

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

(14/01/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	48 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	422 GL
On-Farm Usage	557 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	469 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	9,738 ML
Price Range	\$89 - \$200
Buy Offer	\$82
Last 10 Sales	2033 ML
Price Range	\$88 - \$90

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	8,200 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,800 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	2,050 ML/day

Rainfall and evaporation

07/01/14 – 14/01/14	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	70.1mm
Tullakool.....	0.0mm	73.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,624 GL.....	94 %
Hume.....	1,975 GL.....	66 %
Lake Victoria.....	601 GL.....	89 %
Menindee Lakes	619 GL.....	36 %
Active Storage.....	6,819 GL.....	74 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	2,669 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon.....	5,957 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	21,745 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	9,768 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....	953 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	487 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	1 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,044 ML/d
Flow to SA	7,523 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.67 m
Murray to the Sea	3 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
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