

Talking Water

Tuesday 21 January 2014



Murray Irrigation

SMS notifications

Commencing next week, the *Water Ordering* system will be upgraded to ensure all customers who are registered as the operator of an outlet (and who have a mobile phone number registered in the system) will receive notifications prior to their outlet either commencing or completing a water order. The notifications are issued at **approximately** 7.30pm the day prior to the order taking effect for all customers (other than high level of service customers).

Customers who have already registered to receive the alerts (either via SMS or email) will not be affected. Customers who do not want to receive the SMS notifications can opt out via the 'Communication settings' section of the *Water Ordering* online login. Alternatively, customers can contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Changes to Water Allocation Report

Changes have been made to the *Water Allocation Report* available from the *Water Ordering* system to assist customers establish the volume ordered but not yet delivered. A new line has been added to the *Water Allocation Report* which is the 'volume ordered but not delivered'. This is the volume ordered for future delivery and includes the remaining volume of operating orders. The *Water Allocation Report* already included estimated use since the last meter reading.

Murray Irrigation has also updated the *Understanding your Water Allocation Report* fact sheet. To access the latest version, visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on 'Customers', then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets'.

Water efficiency allocation

The Board last week made a two percent increase in the water efficiency allocation, taking the total to eight percent of permanent delivery entitlements, excluding Class A (Town Water Supply). This efficiency allocation provides customers with an additional 22,000ML.

PIIOP inspections

Customers in divisions 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 are advised that Murray Irrigation staff will be undertaking ongoing inspections and measurement of outlets and regulators during February. The works are part of the company's PIIOP project rollout. For more information, contact PIIOP Project Support

Engineer, Harley Bond, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Environmental water trade

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) announced yesterday the making available for sale of up to 10GL of Gwydir Valley water allocation. The CEWH, David Papps, said the decision to enter the market coincides with the introduction of governance arrangements, including a trade framework, operating rules, procedures and protocols, to ensure CEWH water market activity is conducted in a responsible, fair, equitable and transparent manner.

Full details of the announcement are in yesterday's special *Talking Water*, which is available via Murray Irrigation's website www.murrayirrigation.com.au or from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Improve dairy farm profits

Murray Dairy is running a program to help farmers in the Riverina save money and improve productivity through the smart application of fertiliser. The new program, based on 'Fert\$mart' principles, focuses on soil testing and nutrient mapping to determine the right fertiliser strategy to apply in different conditions across 12 dairy farms. For more information, visit www.murraydairy.com.au.

Connected Corridors Project

Murray Local Land Services has funding available to assist landholders establish revegetation corridors to link and buffer existing remnant native vegetation. For more information contact Shanna Rogers, T. 02 6051 2241 or visit: www.murray.lis.nsw.gov.au/our-region/programs-and-projects/connected-corridors-project. Registrations of interest are due Friday 21 February.

Australia Day office closure

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 27 January for the Australia Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 28 January. *Talking Water* will be distributed as normal and the 'On the Land' radio segment on 1521 2QN will also be broadcast as normal from 6.45am next Tuesday morning.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	8 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)	

Water availability and usage

(21/01/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....	47 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	415 GL
On-Farm Usage	606 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	518 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	88 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	14,590 ML
Price Range	\$84 - \$200
Buy Offer	\$82
Last 10 Sales	457 ML
Price Range	\$82 - \$87

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal.....	7,750 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	1,800 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,800 ML/day

Rainfall and evaporation

14/01/14 – 21/01/14	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	83.8mm
Tullakool.....	0.0mm	90.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,591 GL.....	93 %
Hume.....	1,895 GL.....	63 %
Lake Victoria.....	585 GL.....	86 %
Menindee Lakes	579 GL.....	33 %
Active Storage.....	6,650 GL.....	72 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	720 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo.....	3,693 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	19,282 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	10,112 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....	2,859 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	248 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia.....	0 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	2,454 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	7,170 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.68 m
Murray to the Sea	0 gates open

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