

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 28 January 2014



Murray Irrigation

## PIIOP outlet consultation

The outlet consultation process for Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) has been revised. Customers will now be issued with a 'Notice of Assessment' instead of a 'Formal Agreement' following the conclusion of consultation with our staff. This revised process will streamline the consultation process and is necessary given the limited timeframe to implement works under the PIIOP Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth.

Customers previously consulted and not yet signed or issued a Formal Agreement will be sent this Notice of Assessment in the coming weeks. Murray Irrigation has also recently updated our *Outlet and Meter Strategy* fact sheet. The updated document is available on our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets'.

## SMS notifications

Commencing this Wednesday 29 January, 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.

## Coal seam gas exploration

Murray Irrigation attended an information workshop on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) exploration and production hosted by NSW Farmers (NSWF) in Griffith last week. The workshop outlined the process for commenting on exploration licence applications and landholders' rights when negotiating access arrangements.

There are currently two exploration licence applications lodged with the NSW Department of Resources and Energy that

cover parts of Murray Irrigation's area of operations. Murray Irrigation will be making comment on applications PELA 153 and PELA 157. Comments on exploration activities only are being accepted until Tuesday 11 February. More information can be found by contacting the NSW Mining and Coal Seam Gas hotline on T. 1300 794 000 or at:

[www.resources.nsw.gov.au/community-information/comment](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/community-information/comment).

## Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation second quarter accounts for 2013/14 will be distributed to customers later this week. Accounts are due by 5.00pm Friday 28 February. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid on or before this date. For more information, call our Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## SRI and landholder association contacts

For the convenience of our customers, Murray Irrigation has listed the names and contact numbers of each of the local landholder association Chairs, as well as the Chair of Southern Riverina Irrigators'.

The details are as follows:

- Southern Riverina Irrigators' – John Bradford, M. 0428 826 237;
- Deniboota Landholders' Association – Alastair Starritt, M. 0429 965 357;
- Denimein Landholders' Association – Adrian Dunmore, M. 0428 816 901;
- Berriquin Irrigators' Council – Bruce Atkinson, M. 0419 635 417;
- Wakool Landholders' Association – David May, M. 0427 539 248;
- West Berriquin Irrigators' Council – Nick Morona, M. 0429 846 616.

## Precision agriculture workshop

The Rice Extension Management Committee is holding a Precision Agriculture Workshop at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 10.30am on Friday 7 February. The purpose of the workshop is to give rice growers interested in precision agriculture (PA) a better understanding of what it is and how their rice-based farming business may benefit from PA adoption. For more information, contact Rice Extension Coordinator Travis Tobin on M. 0427 513 494.

**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

(28/01/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements ..... 45 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance ..... 400 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 646 GL  
Comprising:  
On-Allocation Usage ..... 558 GL  
Off-Allocation Usage ..... 88 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 15,887 ML  
Price Range ..... \$80 - \$200  
Buy Offer ..... \$68  
Last 10 Sales ..... 492 ML  
Price Range ..... \$78 - \$80

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal ..... 6,050 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 10,000 ML/day  
Wakool Canal ..... 1,600 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 2,350 ML/day  
Total Escape Flows ..... 1,660 ML/day

## Rainfall and evaporation

21/01/14 – 28/01/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 14.7mm ..... 64.4mm  
Tullakool ..... 3.6mm ..... 69.7mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth ..... 3,578 GL ..... 93 %  
Hume ..... 1,814 GL ..... 60 %  
Lake Victoria ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Menindee Lakes ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Active Storage ..... N/A ..... N/A

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic ..... 1,830 ML/d  
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon ..... 2,750 ML/d  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 15,082 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 10,091 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,337 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 209 ML/d  
Darling @ Wilcannia ..... 0 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 1,620 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... N/A  
Murray @ Murray Bridge ..... 0.60 m  
Murray to the Sea ..... N/A

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