

Talking Water

Tuesday 4 February 2014



Murray Irrigation

PIIOP outlet consultation

Notice of Assessment letters regarding proposed replacement outlets are being sent to some customers in divisions 3 and 8 this week. I encourage customers to read these letters and if they have any questions contact their nominated PIIOP Project Officer. For more information contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Water use and trade data

This week's *Talking Water* includes additional water use and trade information, which will also be included in future editions. The additional information is intended to provide more information to customers about annual trade activity on the Murray Water Exchange and also our licence on both a weekly and annual basis. Also included is weekly water use.

Progressive target rice water use

The target rice water use figure for the season is calculated based on the crop irrigation requirement (from October to February inclusive). The progressive target rice water use figures from 1 October 2013 to 31 January 2014 are:

- 14.1ML/ha for E, Q and M landholdings east of the Edward River;
- 15.2ML/ha for D, W and T landholdings west of the Edward River.

The rice water usage for each landholding is available in the *Water Allocation Report* from the *Water Ordering* system.

Evening shift for Planners

Customers are reminded that Regional Planning staff work an evening shift which allows for better responses to "unsatisfied orders" placed by customers and more efficient responses to alarms and callouts. Arrangements for contacting Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. Customers can leave a message via reception (including after hours), or leave a message with their water order. These messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. Customers may expect phone responses from Murray Irrigation staff up until 8.30pm, where that enquiry requires attention before 6.30am the next day.

Transfer history customer portal

Customers are advised that the transfer history section in the 'Customer login' of Murray Irrigation's website is now operational. Murray Irrigation apologises

for any inconvenience caused while this service was being restored.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation second quarter accounts for 2013/14 have been sent. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid on or before 5.00pm Friday 28 February. For more information, call our Finance team on T. 1300 138 265.

CEWH water sale

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) last week sold 10GL of annual allocation in the northern NSW Gwydir Valley. The process netted \$3.217M to be used to purchase water in the Basin at a later date. No decisions have been made about future CEWH trades.

Gregson's departing advice

Andrew Gregson's final interview as CEO of NSW Irrigators' Council can be read at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-01-30/andrew-gregson-leaves-nsw-irrigators/5228938#.Uurh9XnDnwl.twitter>. Murray Irrigation wishes Andrew well in his new endeavours.

Murray Water Exchange eNews

The latest Murray Water Exchange eNews includes market information, Murray River storage summary information as well as trade related news. To view the newsletter go to:

www.murraywaterexchange.com.au/mwx_issue_07 or to subscribe go to www.murraywaterexchange.com.au/latest-news/.

Murrumbidgee trade ballot

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) has announced limited annual trade into the Murrumbidgee Valley. A volume of up to 20,000ML will be allowed to transfer to the Murrumbidgee via a ballot. Murray Irrigation customers wishing to participate must submit their applications (including fees) to Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm this Friday 7 February**. Applications must be complete – applications will not be checked by State Water and incomplete applications will be unsuccessful in the ballot. For further information please contact Water Trade staff, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 8 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(04/02/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 41 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 363 GL
On-Farm Usage 684 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of .. 88 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 14,913 ML
Price Range \$79 - \$200
Buy Offer..... \$76
Last 10 Sales 730 ML
Price Range \$79
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use & trade data

28/01/14 – 03/02/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 31; 3,152ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 1,040ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 23; 4,102ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 90ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.. -1,433ML (week) +22,677GL (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 36GL (79% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	6,200	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,400	2,350
Escape flows	1,500	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

28/01/14 – 04/02/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 83.2mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 86.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,562 GL.....92 %
Hume.....1,711 GL.....57 %
Lake Victoria..... 513 GL.....76 %
Menindee Lakes538 GL.....31 %
Active Storage.....6,324 GL.....68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 18,431 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,372 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...2,519 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,166 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....1,337 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,419 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 1 gate open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**