

Talking Water

Tuesday 18 February 2014



Murray Irrigation

Water account options and authorities

Murray Irrigation is now processing customers' applications for merging or consolidation of water accounts (Form 34) and also Deed of Authority applications (Form 15).

Murray Irrigation has to date only received a small number of applications for water account consolidation or merging. These options assist customers manage their allocation account balances. For those customers that merge their accounts, the facility will reduce the likelihood of their operating outlet being finished by Murray Irrigation because an individual landholding's water allocation account is zero.

These forms are available from the 'Customers' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Forms' then 'General forms'. Fact sheets on *Merging or Consolidating Water Accounts* and *Authorising others to act on your behalf* are also available from our website. Click on 'Customers', then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets'.

Appointments can also be made with our Water Trade Staff if customers would like to discuss the merits of the options available. If you require assistance please contact a Water Trade Officer via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Customers are advised that consolidating accounts for billing purposes (formerly Form 002), which has been available for several years, is **NOT** the same as merging or consolidating your water allocation account.

Customer meetings

Murray Irrigation will host a series of customer meetings next week. Topics to be discussed include: Water availability update; PIIOP delivery; On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program; new Strategic Plan; Board and Management priorities for 2014; Water Exchange and Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) reform. A Director and the General Manager will attend each meeting and customers are encouraged to attend.

These meetings are an important opportunity for discussion between Murray Irrigation and its customers. A customer feedback session will be held following the presentations.

Dates, times and venues are as follows:

- **Tuesday 25 February:** 10.30am to 12.30pm at Moulamein Bowling Club; 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Wakool District Services Memorial Club.
- **Wednesday 26 February:** 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve; 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Deniliquin Golf Club.
- **Thursday 27 February:** 10.30am to 12.30pm Finley RS Club; 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Barooga Sports Club.
- **Friday 28 February:** 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Mayrung Hall.

For more information, please call reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Quarterly accounts

Murray Irrigation second quarter accounts for 2013/14 are due by 5.00pm Friday 28 February. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid by this date. For more information, contact Finance via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Water Exchange eNews

The latest Murray Water Exchange eNews was released yesterday. It 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/.

NSWIC appoints new chief executive

NSW Irrigators' Council has appointed Mark McKenzie to replace outgoing chief executive Andrew Gregson. Mr McKenzie comes with three years' experience under his belt as chief executive of Murray Valley Winegrowers in Mildura and is also currently a director of the National Irrigators' Council. Mr McKenzie will join the Council in late March. Murray Irrigation wishes him well in his new role.

Delivery of environmental water

The MDBA has reported that an additional 200ML/day of environmental water is being delivered to the Niemur River (via State Water) through Colligen Creek to maintain water quality. This watering action is being conducted by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and is planned to proceed for approximately three weeks.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(18/02/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 39 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 343 GL
On-Farm Usage 745 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of .. 88 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 13,033 ML
Price Range \$73 - \$200
Buy Offer \$60
Last 10 Sales 1,115 ML
Price Range \$60 - \$76

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

11/02/14 - 17/02/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 33; 3,797ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 2; 1,256ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 21; 4,419ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 634ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.. -806ML (week) +15,616ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 25GL (76% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,300	10,000
Wakool Canal	650	2,350
Escape flows	1,530	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

11/02/14 - 18/02/14 Rain Evap
Finley 16.5mm 47.0mm
Tullakool..... 21.2mm 46.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,519 GL.....91 %
Hume.....1,540 GL.....51 %
Lake Victoria..... 446 GL.....66 %
Menindee Lakes498 GL.....29 %
Active Storage.....6,003 GL.....65 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 14,247 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 10,112 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,454 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 369 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....1,223 ML/d
Flow to SA.....7,015 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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