

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 June 2014



Murray Irrigation

2014/15 Fees and Prices mail out

Murray Irrigation's Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement will be mailed to all customers today. Murray Irrigation has applied a CPI increase of three percent to its charges. This is the first fee increase in two years. Government fees have been set to fully recover those charges imposed on Murray Irrigation. The State Water component of the Government fees is based on the ACCC's draft State Water determination and an estimate of the NSW contribution to the Murray Darling Basin Authority. The Fees and Prices Schedule will be updated, if necessary, based on the ACCC's final State Water determination.

These fees and prices will apply on and from 1 July 2014.

These documents can also be viewed on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices'. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Close of annual trade

All internal annual trades close at 5.00pm **this Friday 13 June**, including annual trade of delivery entitlements. Customers seeking to balance carryover volumes are required to complete annual trades by this deadline. For more information, contact a Water Trade Officer, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Accounts Receivable Officer

Murray Irrigation is currently seeking applications for the newly created position of Accounts Receivable Officer in Deniliquin. This is a full time position for a fixed term period of two years and is designed to provide support for the Finance Manager and the Finance team.

Applications close 5.00pm **this Thursday 12 June**. Applicants may download a copy of the job advertisement and Role Statement via the 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Customer satisfaction survey

Murray Irrigation has engaged Bartley Consulting to conduct a telephone survey with 200 of our irrigation customers. The survey period is from this Thursday 12 June to the end of the month. The calls will be made by Lighthouse Data Collection. The survey should take 15 minutes to complete and answers will be confidential.

This survey focuses on customers' experiences in the 2013/14 water year. For more information contact Catharine Heffernan, Communications Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP tubewell installations

Murray Irrigation has engaged Murray Trotman Services to install tubewells on regulators in divisions 1, 6, 12 and 13 that will be upgraded to Murray Irrigation's Standard Level of Service. There will be no heavy plant associated with these works, just a light truck, utility and hand tools. For further information contact Mick Hehir via reception on, T. 1300 138 265.

May rainfall and inflows summary

Across the Murray-Darling Basin, the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has reported May as the 36th driest in 115 years of records with an area-averaged total of 21.8mm.

The MDBA has reported River Murray System inflows for May (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) totalled around 195GL. This volume was greater than May 2013 inflows (165GL), however was still less than half the long-term average for May of about 440GL.

MDBA water year summary

The MDBA has reported that the pattern of inflow for the 2013/14 water year was broadly similar to the previous water year with a marked increase through early to mid-winter in line with a pattern that is typical of the long-term average. There were high inflows during parts of July and August but these were mainly captured in storages and downstream flows did generally not even reach minor flood level. Thereafter, inflows fell away quickly during spring and into summer when the southern Basin once again experienced a period of low rainfall and above-average temperatures. Despite wetter conditions returning in February, March and April, inflows remained below the long-term average for each of these months and for the remainder of the water year. To view the full report, visit: www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/current-information-forecasts/weekly-report.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 12 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(10/06/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....26 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....220 GL
On-Farm Usage924 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of ..96 GL)

WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Trading will recommence on Tuesday 1 July.

Water use and trade data

03/06/14 – 09/06/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 29; 3,181ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... N/A; N/A
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 31; 3,181ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... N/A; N/A
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +300ML (week) -6,989ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

03/06/14 – 09/06/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 8.0mm
Tullakool..... 0.4mm 8.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,457 GL.....90 %
Hume.....1,346 GL.....45 %
Lake Victoria.....442 GL.....65 %
Menindee Lakes373 GL.....22 %
Active Storage.....5,618 GL.....61 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 1,595 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,583 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,161 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 458 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....165 ML/d
Flow to SA.....N/A
Murray to the SeaN/A

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