

Talking Water

Tuesday 17 June 2014



Murray Irrigation

2014/15 Fees and Prices

Murray Irrigation's Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement were mailed to all customers last week. 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 increased to fully recover those charges imposed on Murray Irrigation.

These fees and prices will apply on and from 1 July 2014. These documents, including the *Fees and Prices Policy*, 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.

Fourth quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts will be sent to customers in July with payment due in August. If customers require their fourth quarter account for payment in the 2013/14 financial year, please contact our Finance department via reception on T. 1300 138 265, or email finance@murrayirrigation.com.au. Please provide details of your landholding reference number and or customer number. Details of the fourth quarter account will be available in the week starting Monday 23 June.

Blighty HLOS Pilot Project

Murray Irrigation is hosting a gathering at the Blighty Recreation Reserve next week to conclude our Blighty High Level of Service (HLOS) Pilot Project. The gathering will be held from 11.00am on Wednesday 25 June. Murray Irrigation staff will provide a short presentation on the results achieved in the Pilot. Blighty Pilot customers have been sent an invitation to attend. To RSVP, please contact Project Officer Nathan Holahan, via reception on T. 1300 138 265 by 5.00pm Monday 23 June.

Customer satisfaction survey

Murray Irrigation has engaged Bartley Consulting to conduct a telephone survey with over 200 of our irrigation customers this month. The calls are being made by Lighthouse Data Collection. The survey should take only 15 minutes to complete and answers will be confidential. For more information contact Catharine Heffernan, Communications Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Water Act review

The public consultation period for the review of the Water Act 2007 is now open, with submissions due by close of business Friday 4 July. The focus of the review is to consider whether the Act is delivering on its objectives effectively and with minimum regulatory burden. For more information: www.environment.gov.au/water/legislation/water-act-review.

Water Management Act amendments

The Water Management Act Amendment Bill 2014 was introduced into State Parliament on Thursday 29 May. The Amendment Bill includes provisions for supplementary licences to be issued in perpetuity ensuring they cannot be revoked without due compensation. The Bill also amends water sharing plans to change the inflow scenario used to assess water availability allowing the NSW Office of Water to be less conservative in determining early season allocations.

Survey on regional Australia

The current Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) participants are undertaking a project to examine perceptions of rural, regional and remote Australia with the aim to better understand current thoughts and attitudes towards regional Australia and identify issues, challenges and opportunities to promote positive stories from the area. The anonymous survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The ARLP is encouraging people to distribute the survey widely, particularly to urban residents. The survey can be accessed via: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1643557/Kelpie-s-helping-round-up-regional-Australia.

'Bittern by Biodiversity' workshop

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is hosting a 'Bittern by Biodiversity' workshop in Mayrung this Friday 20 June. The free workshop will be held at the Mayrung Hall from 10.30am and will feature a presentation from wetland ecologist Matt Herring. For more information, or to RSVP, contact RGA Environmental Projects Manager, Neil Bull on M. 0428 603 557.

Anthony Couroupis,
General Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(17/06/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....26 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....219 GL
On-Farm Usage927 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of ..95 GL)

WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Trading will recommence on Tuesday 1 July.

Water use and trade data

10/06/14 – 16/06/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Water Exchange has now closed.

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade OML (week) -6,989ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... OML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

10/06/14 – 16/06/14 Rain Evap
Finley 13.1mm 8.1mm
Tullakool..... 16.8mm 8.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,466 GL.....90 %
Hume.....1,393 GL.....46 %
Lake Victoria.....443 GL.....65 %
Menindee Lakes371 GL.....21 %
Active Storage.....5,673 GL.....61 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,880 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,042 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,482 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 725 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,843 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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