

# Talking Water

Tuesday 1 July 2014



Murray Irrigation

## Starting allocations for 2014/15

The Department of Primary Industries this morning announced an opening allocation for NSW Murray regulated river general security licence holders of six percent of entitlement with full access to carryover where applicable. It is estimated water carried over from 2013/14 is approximately 30 percent on average.

Carryover in general security accounts, plus the sum of allocations in 2014/15, cannot exceed the account limit of 110 percent of water entitlements.

## Murray Water Exchange re-opening

The Murray Water Exchange re-opens today. Terms and Conditions have been updated, and new fees apply from today. The updated Terms and Conditions are available at: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Water', then 'Water trade' and 'Terms and conditions'.

Key changes include:

- Providing purchasers with three business days for payment to be **received** by Murray Irrigation.
- Purchases can only be paid for by cheque when delivered during business hours to either Murray Irrigation's Deniliquin or Finley offices.

These changes will reduce the time spent pursuing purchase payments and remove issues confronted last year with cheque payments not received.

Payments not received by Murray Irrigation within these terms will be considered unpaid.

Customers are also advised that the successful seller and buyer bid fee is now \$70 and the successful purchase fee is \$25 (both including GST).

The relevant forms have been updated, including interactive forms. These forms are available from our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Customers' and 'Forms'.

## Transfer Rules Policy update

The Murray Irrigation Board has approved an updated Transfer Rules Policy and Entitlements Contract. The updated documents are available from our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) under 'Corporate' and then 'Company Policies'.

## MILCast Terms and Conditions

Murray Irrigation has established Terms and Conditions for purchase of MILCast products, available from the 'MILCast' section of our website. These Terms and Conditions outline our trading arrangements, including payment terms. For more information, contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051.

## Murray Irrigation structure changes

Murray irrigation has implemented new organisational and staff structures, effective from today. The change is primarily in response to the rollout of new technology on our day-to-day water delivery operations. We have also taken the opportunity to make a number of other changes to the structure, to improve customer service delivery and overall efficiency. There are no job losses associated with these changes.

The General Manager's role is also being re-titled to Chief Executive Officer, to reflect an increased focus on strategic and policy matters, rather than day-to-day operational matters.

## ACCC price determination

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) released its final determination of State Water pricing for 2014/15 to 2016/17 on Friday 27 June. The final decision is lower than the previous determination for the State Water portion of bills for all customers. However, due to an increase in MDBA costs recovered from users, the charges applied to irrigators in the Murray Valley will increase. Murray Irrigation is presently assessing the impact of the determination on our Fees and Prices.

For full details, visit:

[www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/water/state-waters-regulated-charges-2014-17-review/final-decision#accc-final-decision](http://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/water/state-waters-regulated-charges-2014-17-review/final-decision#accc-final-decision).

## West Berrigun Irrigators meeting

West Berrigun Irrigators Inc. is holding a branch meeting from 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 2 July. It will be held at Deniliquin's Sportsman's Arms Hotel. For more information, contact Chairman Nick Morona M. 0429 846 616.

Anthony Couroupis,  
Chief Executive Officer

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 6 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(01/07/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....31 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 264 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 100 ML  
Price Range ..... \$120  
Buy Offer..... \$0  
Yesterday's Sales..... N/A  
Price Range ..... N/A

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

24/06/14 – 30/06/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; OML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; OML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; OML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; OML

### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade OML (week) OML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

## 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

24/06/14 – 30/06/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 6.1mm ..... 12.0mm  
Tullakool..... 1.0mm ..... 12.2mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,511 GL.....91 %  
Hume.....1,570 GL.....52 %  
Lake Victoria.....462 GL.....68 %  
Menindee Lakes .....367 GL.....21 %  
Active Storage.....5,910 GL.....64 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 5,109 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 17,095 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...4,504 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 642 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....N/A  
Flow to SA..... 3,560 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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