

# Talking Water

Tuesday 8 July 2014



Murray Irrigation

## Irrigation season commencement

The channel filling start date is currently being evaluated. Delaying the commencement of channel filling, where feasible, can result in conveyance savings.

To assist decision making for opening of the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes, customers are requested to indicate their intention for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the Water Ordering system. This information will be used to inform a channel filling commencement date.

Customers are encouraged to provide as much advance notice as possible.

## Murray Water Exchange open

The Murray Water Exchange has re-opened for the 2014/15 irrigation season. Terms and Conditions have been updated, and new fees apply, both are available at: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Water', then 'Water trade' and 'Terms and conditions'.

The relevant forms have also been updated, including interactive forms, available from our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Customers' and 'Forms'. Please note, both Murray Irrigation and State Water fees have changed. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Regional starting allocation round up

At the start of the water year, the following opening allocation announcements apply for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Victorian Murray (high reliability)       | 57 percent  |
| Murrumbidgee (general security)           | 10 percent  |
| Murrumbidgee (high security)              | 95 percent  |
| South Australia (River Murray Irrigators) | 100 percent |
| Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)     | 74 percent  |
| NSW Lower Darling (general security)      | 100 percent |

Please note: trade to and from the Lower Darling remains suspended and trade from the Murrumbidgee remains closed until the inter-valley trade balance falls below the 100GL limit.

## Water order start/end alerts

In response to customer feedback, Murray Irrigation has developed a system to allow customers to elect to receive alerts for up to four days prior to an order starting or finishing. Customers also have the option to receive notices one day prior. Customers must register for this service by logging in to their online water ordering account. Click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Annual watering priorities

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) recently released the 2014-15 annual environmental watering priorities to provide a guide to environmental water managers. The priorities this year are connecting rivers and floodplains, boosting river health, and creating habitat refuge areas for native species. More information can be found at [www.mdba.gov.au](http://www.mdba.gov.au).

## June rainfall and inflows summary

Across the Basin as a whole, the Bureau of Meteorology has reported the Basin's area-averaged rain at 39.6mm (18 percent above the long-term mean) during June with above average temperatures.

River Murray System inflows for June (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) totalled around 570GL, above June 2013 inflows (480GL) but below the long-term average for June of around 740GL.

## RGA water trade workshops

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA), in conjunction with the Murray Local Land Services, will host a series of Water Trading Workshops, including presentations by the NSW Office of Water, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and Murray Irrigation. The workshops will finish with a farmer discussion panel.

Details are as follows:

- Finley RS Club, Tuesday 22 July, 2.00pm;
- Wakool Services Club, Wednesday 23 July, 9.00am; and
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Wednesday 23 July, 2.00pm.

For more information, contact the RGA on T. 02 6953 0433

  
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## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(08/07/14)  
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 ..... 1,379 ML  
Price Range ..... \$90 - \$120  
Buy Offer..... \$70  
Yesterday's Sales..... N/A  
Price Range ..... N/A  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

01/07/14 – 07/07/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 310ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 310ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

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

Net trade..... 0ML (week)..... 0ML (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

01/07/14 – 07/07/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.4mm ..... 7.2mm  
Tullakool..... 0.4mm ..... 7.4mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,532 GL.....92 %  
Hume.....1,690 GL.....56 %  
Lake Victoria.....477 GL.....70 %  
Menindee Lakes .....365 GL.....21 %  
Active Storage.....6,064 GL.....65 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 3,346 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 16,233 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,148 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 752 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 165 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 4,162 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**