

# Talking Water

Tuesday 15 July 2014



Murray Irrigation

## Allocation Announcement

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) this morning announced a three percent increase in general security entitlements allocation, taking the announced allocation to a total of nine percent in the NSW Murray. As a result of this increase Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now nine percent for general security (Class C) customers. A copy of the DPI announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Irrigation season commencement

To assist decision making for opening of the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes, customers are requested to indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advance notice as possible. This information will be used to inform a channel filling commencement date. To date, there have been no orders received by Murray Irrigation. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## PIIOP survey work

Survey work along channels for Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project is currently underway in Division 2 (Berriquin, south of the Riverina Highway). Survey work is being conducted by CAF Consulting. In most cases, access will be via the same route used by Channel Attendants. For further information, contact the PIIOP team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Fourth quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts will be sent to customers this week with payment due 5.00pm Friday 29 August. Outstanding water accounts will be placed on 'stop supply' at the start of September for any customer who has outstanding amounts and no agreed payment arrangement in place. For more information, please contact the Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## NOW charges review deferred

At the request of the NSW Office of Water (NOW), the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has agreed to defer a review of NOW charges for services delivered on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation. The

deferral is for 12 months from 1 July 2015. This means that current NOW charges are frozen, with no adjustment for inflation, until 1 July 2016.

NOW requested the deferral so it can be better informed of the impact on costs of the current restructuring and bulk water management reforms in NSW. For more information, visit the 'Industries', then 'Water' and 'Reviews' section of the IPART website: [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/).

## Paddock scale assessments

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Murray Local Land Services (LLS) are looking to conduct a number of 'paddock scale' assessments of irrigated winter crops (mainly wheat) across the district. The aim is to better understand and match plant water requirements and irrigations, mainly in rice layouts, in order to maximise returns from any irrigation(s). If any grower is keen to participate in the project, please contact Adrian Smith at Murray LLS on M. 0447 778515 or E. [adrian.smith@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adrian.smith@lls.nsw.gov.au) as soon as possible.

## 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 in the region next week. The workshops will include an overview of the 2014/15 allocation assessment and inter-valley trade rules by the NSW Office of Water, a session on environmental portfolio management including trade activities by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, and a review of 2013/14 water trade on the Murray Irrigation Water Exchange. The workshops will culminate in 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.

Customers are encouraged to attend to keep abreast of water availability and trading issues. For more information, contact the RGA on T. 02 6953 0433.

Anthony Couroupis,  
Chief Executive Officer

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 9 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(15/07/14)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 34 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 289 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 1,282 ML  
Price Range ..... \$94 - \$120  
Buy Offer..... \$72  
Yesterday's Sales..... 200 ML  
Price Range ..... \$85

To buy water call 1300 781 431

## Water use and trade data

08/07/14 – 14/07/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 200ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 20ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 200ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 20ML

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

Net trade..... 20ML (week)..... 20ML (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

08/07/14 – 14/07/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 3.7mm ..... 10.2mm  
Tullakool..... 3.4mm ..... 12.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,558 GL.....92 %  
Hume.....1,798 GL.....60 %  
Lake Victoria.....497 GL.....73 %  
Menindee Lakes .....360 GL.....21 %  
Active Storage.....6,213 GL.....67 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 3,827 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 17,654 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...4,802 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....2,790 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....165 ML/d  
Flow to SA.....4,555 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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