

Talking Water

Tuesday 19 August 2014



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

The Murray Irrigation channel system is now full, allowing system wide deliveries to commence for the vast majority of customers.

Due to dry conditions and a sharp increase in demand, a wait of four days may apply. Customers are requested to provide advance notice by placing an order in the system. Advance notice will assist Murray Irrigation meet customers' delivery requirements.

For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Fourth quarter accounts reminder

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts are due by **5.00pm Friday 29 August**. Landholdings with outstanding accounts from 2013/14 or prior seasons will be placed on 'stop supply' at the start of September. In 2014/15 customers with outstanding accounts including customers on payment arrangements will not have access to any efficiency allocations or off allocation water until outstanding money is paid. For more information, contact the Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) announced on Friday a five percent increase in general security entitlements allocation, taking the announced allocation to a total of 17 percent in the NSW Murray. As a result of this increase Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 17 percent for general security (Class C) customers.

The NSW DPI also released an updated outlook with improved prospects for NSW Murray allocations. A copy of the DPI announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP contractor site visits

As part of our PIIOP project, Murray Irrigation is currently tendering for the construction of outlets in Divisions 3, 7, 8, and 9. Prospective contractors may be undertaking site visits over the next week, only where direct road access is available. Customers receiving an outlet upgrade in

these divisions were sent a notification. For more information, contact the PIIOP team on T. 1300 138 265.

Irrigated Canola Field Day

Southern Growers are hosting an irrigated canola field day tomorrow, Wednesday 20 August. The field day will be held from 9.30am at McLeod's property on Closes Road, Finley. Closes Road is about 1km north of Finley, off the Newell Highway. Speakers will discuss time of sowing, flowering and frost, first irrigation and plant populations at the DPI trial site which was sown on 1 April. For more information, contact Phil Snowden on M. 0427 839 217.

Rice pre-season meetings

The annual rice pre-season technical meetings will be held in the Murray Valley later this month. Times and locations of the meetings are as follows:

- Wakool Services Club, Wednesday 27 August, 12.30pm.
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Thursday 28 August, 8.00am.
- Finley RS Club, Thursday 28 August, 12.30pm.

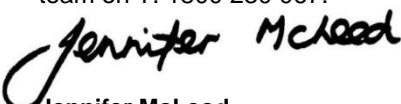
For more information, contact Rice Extension Coordinator Travis Tobin on M. 0427 513 494.

West Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 6.30pm (for 7.15pm start) on Monday 1 September. For more information, contact Nick Morona on M. 0429 846 616.

Basin Plan community meetings

A community update session on work under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 10.00am on Wednesday 10 September. The session will cover environmental watering, infrastructure programs, water trading, constraints management and other aspects of Basin Plan implementation and water reform progress. An afternoon panel session about environmental watering will also be held from 12.30pm at the same venue. For more information and to register, contact the MDBA engagement team on T. 1800 230 067.


Jennifer McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 17 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(19/08/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 38 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 323 GL
On-Farm Usage 6GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 1,917 ML
Price Range \$99 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$90
Yesterday's Sales..... 434 ML
Price Range \$97 - \$99
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

12/08/14 – 18/08/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 20; 3,454ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 23; 3,164ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 290ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade...+265ML (week)...+3,435ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 6GL (32% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,000	10,000
Wakool Canal	550	2,350
Escape flows	150	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

12/08/14 – 18/08/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 12.2mm
Tullakool..... 2.0mm 13.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,642 GL.....94 %
Hume.....2,258 GL.....75 %
Lake Victoria.....636 GL.....94 %
Menindee Lakes353 GL.....20 %
Active Storage.....6,889 GL.....74 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 7,071 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,576 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,062 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,598 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 141 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 15,615 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 84 gates open

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