

Talking Water

Tuesday 26 August 2014



Murray Irrigation

Mobile phone web ordering

The system error for mobile phone web ordering, which was advised via special *Talking Water* last Friday 22 August, has been resolved. Customers should now be able to place orders as normal. Murray Irrigation apologises for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

Water ordering communications settings

Customers can choose to be notified four days prior to an order start/end, 24 hours prior to an order start/end or both by logging into *Water ordering* on www.murrayirrigation.com.au and choosing 'Communications Settings' in the 'User Options' drop-down menu. For assistance contact Murray Irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Fourth quarter accounts reminder

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts are due by **5.00pm this 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 those on payment arrangements, will not have access to efficiency allocations or off allocation water until outstanding money is paid. For information, contact the Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Merge/consolidate water accounts

Murray Irrigation has updated its fact sheet *Merging or Consolidating Water Accounts*. It is no longer a requirement that accounts to be merged are run as a single business entity. The updated fact sheet is available via the 'Customers', then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Customers interested are encouraged to discuss the different account options with our Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Rice pre-season meetings

The annual rice pre-season technical meetings will be held in the Murray Valley this week. 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

Meteorologist and former WIN TV weather presenter, Jane Bunn, will be a guest speaker at the West Berriquin Irrigators' Council annual general meeting (AGM) next Monday 1 September. The meeting will be held from 6.30pm (for 7.15pm start) at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin. For more information, contact Nick Morona on M. 0429 846 616.

Research into sun damage

Dr Christel Smit-Kroner is conducting research into the effects of sun damage of skin and is seeking local farmers to take part in round table discussions at the Barham Riverside Reception Centre on Monday 1, Thursday 4 and Monday 8 September. The research aim is to learn more about farmers' exposure to harmful sun radiation and the challenges faced by them. For more information, contact Dr Smit-Kroner on M. 0427 405 255.

Draft environmental water strategy

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has released a draft environmental watering strategy for public comment open until the end of September. The strategy is being developed to guide environmental water holders and managers in planning local environmental watering activities and priorities each year. The strategy and information about how to make a submission is on the website:

www.mdba.gov.au

Basin Plan community meetings

The MDBA will host a community update on the current status of the implementation of the Basin Plan at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 10.00am on Wednesday 10 September. The session will include topics such as environmental watering, infrastructure programs, water trade and constraints management. An afternoon panel session on environmental watering will also be held from 12.30pm at the same venue. 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

(26/08/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 35 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 298 GL
On-Farm Usage 39 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,653 ML
Price Range \$112 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$95
Yesterday's Sales..... 680 ML
Price Range \$110 - \$119

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

19/08/14 – 25/08/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 29; 5,292ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 43; 4,734ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 558ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade...+403ML (week)...+3,838ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 10GL (56% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,200	10,000
Wakool Canal	700	2,350
Escape flows	650	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

19/08/14 – 25/08/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 15.1mm
Tullakool..... 5.0mm 16.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,646 GL.....95 %
Hume.....2,244 GL.....75 %
Lake Victoria.....668 GL.....99 %
Menindee Lakes360 GL.....21 %
Active Storage.....6,918 GL.....75 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 17,239 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,688 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,504 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,071 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 161 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,870 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 65 gates open

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