

Talking Water

Tuesday 2 September 2014



Murray Irrigation

Allocation announcement

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) announced yesterday a three percent increase in general security entitlements allocation, taking the announced allocation to a total of 20 percent in the NSW Murray. Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 20 percent for general security (Class C) customers. A copy of the DPI announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Water allocation credit provision

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused domestic pipe outlets this season. Applications must be made in writing on the prescribed form and received by Murray Irrigation no later than **5.00pm Friday 19 September**. Application forms (Form WM1) are available from the 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms' section of Murray Irrigation's website www.murrayirrigation.com.au or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP update

Construction of the in-season outlet upgrade package will commence from late September with *Notification of Works* letters going out this week to relevant customers in divisions 3, 7, 8 and 9. The consultation team will now re-commence consultation with customers in divisions 4, 6 and 7, which along with the already mentioned divisions, will form the next tender package.

For more information, please contact the PIIOP consultation team via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

West Berriquin Irrigators'

At the West Berriquin Irrigators' Council Annual General Meeting held last night, Nick Morona retired as Chairman. Vicki Meyer was elected Chairperson and Andrew Crossley as Deputy Chair, while Shelley Scoullar was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Also on the executive are Lachlan Bull, John Hand, Adam Dellwo and John Bradford. Murray Irrigation thanks Nick for his contribution to West Berriquin Irrigators' and looks forward to working with Vicki and Andrew. For enquiries, contact Vicki Meyer on M. 0409 600 749.

Draft environmental water strategy

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has released a draft environmental watering strategy which is open for public comment until 30 September. The strategy is being developed to guide environmental water holders and managers in planning local environmental watering activities and priorities each year. For information visit www.mdba.gov.au.

Transfers to Lake Victoria

Due to the low rainfall outlook, and no water currently available for delivery from the Menindee Lakes, the transfer of water from Hume Reservoir to Lake Victoria has commenced to ensure Lake Victoria holds sufficient volume to help meet South Australia's requirements over summer. Transfers to Lake Victoria are generally made prior to the peak demand periods in late spring and in summer when channel capacity through the Barmah Choke (downstream of Yarrowonga Weir) limits the volume of water that can be delivered.

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.

Wakool Landholders' AGM

Wakool Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Wakool Services Club from 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 September. For information, contact David May on M. 0427 539 249.

Denimein Landholders' AGM

Denimein Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve from 7.00pm on Thursday 11 September. For information, contact Adrian Smith on M. 0447 778 515 or Adrian Dunmore on M. 0428 816 901.


Jennifer McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 20 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(02/09/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 37 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 316 GL
On-Farm Usage 68 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 5,414 ML
Price Range \$108 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$100
Yesterday's Sales..... 817 ML
Price Range \$105 - \$110
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

26/08/14 – 01/09/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 28; 3,568ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 26; 3,568ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade.. +3,054ML (week)..+6,892ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 39GL (65% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,300	10,000
Wakool Canal	500	2,350
Escape flows	420	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

26/08/14 – 01/09/14 Rain Evap
Finley 8.4mm 17.1mm
Tullakool..... 10.8mm 18.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,653 GL.....95 %
Hume.....2,205 GL.....73 %
Lake Victoria.....672 GL.....99 %
Menindee Lakes355 GL.....20 %
Active Storage.....6,885 GL.....74 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 12,031 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,547 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,335 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,371 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 134 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 7,603 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 9 gates open

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