

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 9 September 2014



Murray Irrigation

## Standard Level of Service

Murray Irrigation will launch its Standard Level of Service (SLOS) Yallakool Pilot on Monday 22 September. The pilot will be based on channel control technology developed internally called Central Remote Control (CRC). The key benefits of this improved level of service is that SLOS customers will be able to start, finish or change their water orders twice a day and order duration can be in 12 hourly increments (rather than 24-hour). Pilot customers have been sent a welcome information pack.

## Drainage system reminder

Murray Irrigation has noticed unexplained flows in our drainage system in the last week. Customers are reminded to contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 prior to discharging water into the drainage system. This information enables Murray Irrigation to manage the drainage system to meet our licence conditions.

## 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](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) or via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Ministerial visit

Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Kevin Humphries visited Murray Irrigation's area of operations on Thursday 4 September. Murray Irrigation Chairman, Bruce Simpson, highlighted the impact water recovery is having on the area and the need for NSW to achieve the full suite of offsets available to ensure future water recovery is minimised. Other issues raised during the visit included constraints management and Government investment in efficiency.

## Financial arrangements

Landholdings with outstanding accounts from 2013/14 or prior seasons have been placed on 'stop supply'. 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. Customers in this situation are encouraged to contact our Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Positions vacant

We are seeking a **Senior Administration Officer** to assist coordinate the administration involved in the implementation of our On-farm projects. We also have an immediate vacancy for a **Plant and Weeds Operator** to join our Wakool Works Team. Both job applications close at 5.00pm this Friday 12 September.

Murray Irrigation also has an opportunity for a **MILCast Business Manager**. Applications close Friday 26 September. Full details can be found under 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' on our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## August rainfall and inflows summary

August saw well below average rainfall across the southern Murray-Darling Basin. River Murray system inflows (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) dropped away considerably in August with a total of around 730GL, just over half the July total of 1,300GL and less than half of the long-term monthly average for August of around 1,600GL.

## Basin Plan community meetings

The MDBA will host a community update on the implementation of the Basin Plan at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 10.00am, Wednesday 10 September. For more information or to register contact the MDBA 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 tonight, Tuesday 9 September**. Contact David May on M. 0427 539 249.

## Denimein Landholders' AGM

Denimein Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the **Pretty Pine Hotel** from **7.00pm** this Thursday 11 September. Please note change of venue. 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

(09/09/14)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 37 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 317 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 79 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 5,160 ML  
Price Range ..... \$109 - \$150  
Buy Offer..... \$102  
Yesterday's Sales..... 2,020 ML  
Price Range ..... \$100 - \$110  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

02/09/14 – 08/09/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 20; 4,790ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 38; 4,665ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 125ML

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

Net trade.. +2,932ML (week)..+9,824ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 21GL (56% on winter crops)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,100	10,000
Wakool Canal	250	2,350
Escape flows	50	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

02/09/14 – 08/09/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.2mm ..... 19.9mm  
Tullakool..... 0.2mm ..... 22.9mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,660 GL.....95 %  
Hume.....2,215 GL.....74 %  
Lake Victoria.....671 GL.....99 %  
Menindee Lakes .....347 GL.....20 %  
Active Storage.....6,893 GL.....74 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 5,563 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 9,503 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,400 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,354 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 116 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 5,300 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 9 gates open

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