

Talking Water

Tuesday 23 September 2014



Murray Irrigation

Standard Level of Service launch

Murray Irrigation officially launched its Standard Level of Service (SLOS) Yallakool Pilot yesterday. The pilot is 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 the order duration can be in 12 hourly increments (rather than 24-hour). Pilot customers have been sent a welcome information pack. For details, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Regional Planning evening shift

Murray Irrigation Regional Planning staff have re-commenced their evening shift. This additional shift has been reintroduced in conjunction with the launch of our Standard Level of Service (SLOS) Yallakool Pilot.

The evening shift allows for quicker responses to "unsatisfied orders" placed by customers and more efficient responses to alarms and callouts. Arrangements for contacting Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. Customers can leave a message via reception (including after hours), or leave a message with their water order. These messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. Customers can expect phone responses from Murray Irrigation staff up until 8.30pm, where that enquiry requires attention before 6.30am the next day. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Irrigation AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held from 10.30am on Thursday 20 November at the Deniliquin Rams Clubrooms, Hardinge St Oval in Deniliquin. Customers are encouraged to note this date and venue in their diaries. The AGM notice of meeting, proxy form and copy of the Annual Report, for those that opt to receive one, will be mailed to shareholders on Monday 20 October. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Irrigation decisions survey

Murray Irrigation is conducting a small survey to find out how irrigation customers make water use decisions. The survey is available online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/waterusedecisions. We will also be conducting a small

number of telephone interviews. For more information contact Water Policy Officer, Perin Davey, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Private property wetlands watering

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is conducting a voluntary environmental watering program in the Murray Irrigation area. The project provides adaptive environmental water to help improve and maintain biodiversity values of wetlands located on private properties. Murray Irrigation is currently working with OEH to identify any impact investment under our PIOP project may have on the ability to deliver water to private wetlands. For further information, contact OEH officer Emma Wilson on M. 0418 962 697.

Rice discussion group meeting

A rice grower discussion group meeting will be held from 7.30pm this Thursday 25 September at the Deniliquin RSL Club. The group will discuss the decision on determining optimum rice area for the coming season. All rice growers are welcome to attend and contribute to the discussion. For details, contact Murray Local Land Services Extension Agronomist John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.

Frost management workshop

Southern Growers are holding a workshop to look at managing frosted crops, their response and grower options going forward. The workshop is being held from 9.30am to 12.30pm this Friday 26 September at McLeod's property 'Cooida', Mills Road Finley (about 10km north-east of Finley, off the Newell Highway). Local and interstate speakers will address response factors in frosted crops and fodder production opportunities for frosted crops. The sessions will be followed by a crop walk and panel discussion. For more information visit:

www.agcommunicators.com.au/workshops.

Jennifer McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 28 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(23/09/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 41 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 353 GL
On-Farm Usage 107 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 5,859 ML
Price Range \$110 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$105
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,053 ML
Price Range \$109 - \$110
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

16/09/14 – 22/09/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 26; 5,352ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 28; 5,091ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 261ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +1,097ML (week)..+15,631ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 12GL (57% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,100	10,000
Wakool Canal	500	2,350
Escape flows	150	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

16/09/14 – 22/09/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 22.6mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 25.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,679 GL.....95 %
Hume.....2,271 GL.....76 %
Lake Victoria.....669 GL.....99 %
Menindee Lakes319 GL.....18 %
Active Storage.....6,938 GL.....75 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,488 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,036 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,366 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,353 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....64 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 5,441 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open

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