

TalkingWater

Wednesday 8 October 2014



Murray Irrigation

Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) announced last week a six percent increase in general security entitlements allocation, taking the announced allocation to a total of 34 percent in the NSW Murray. Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 34 percent for general security (Class C) customers. A copy of the NOW announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Check finish time on orders

Due to daylight savings, some customers have been experiencing difficulties changing a pending order or operating order. Customers are encouraged to check their order finish time if they are having any issues. Your finish time should be set to 7.30am (excluding customers in high and standard level of service areas). Finish times were automatically adjusted to 8.30am in the system, due to daylight savings. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Positive water balance

Customers are reminded to ensure their landholdings have positive water balances. Customers can nominate to receive a notification via SMS or email that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance. Customers who have been sent a notification, or have been contacted previously, may find that their outlets are switched off when a zero balance is reached.

Once contacted by staff, customers need to transfer water or risk having their outlet switched off and then wait up to four days for it to re-start.

Customers are reminded that if you have more than one landholding, it may be possible to merge your allocation accounts which removes the need to transfer water between landholdings to maintain a positive balance. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Plan ahead when ordering water

Customers are reminded that as our daily irrigation demand increases, providing four days' notice for water orders is increasingly important. When placing water orders, if there is no additional capacity available on your channel, the *Water ordering* system will prompt customers to

accept an alternative date or flow rate for delivery. If this alternative is unacceptable, customers should select 'reject' and then select 'continue' which will submit your **original** order as an 'unsatisfied' order.

Murray Irrigation regional planning staff will then contact you with further information and options. An 'unsatisfied' order does **not** appear as a 'pending' order in *Water ordering* until planning staff have reviewed the order and contacted customers. Instead, it appears as an 'unsatisfied order'. For any further questions regarding this topic, customers should contact regional planning staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Weather and inflows summary

The Bureau of Meteorology has reported area-averaged rain totalling just 22.7mm across the Murray-Darling Basin in September. This is 33 percent below the long-term mean and the 38th driest September in 115 years of record.

Based on long-term averages, September typically provides the greatest volume of monthly inflows into the River Murray System. This has not been the case in 2014, with River Murray System inflows (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) for September totalling only 485GL, which is little more than a quarter of the long-term monthly average for September of 1,610GL.

Deniboota Landholders' AGM

Deniboota Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Caldwell Hall from 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 October. For more information, contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Tuppall Food and Fibre Festival

The inaugural Tuppall Food and Fibre Festival will be held at the iconic Tuppall Woolshed on North Tuppall Station over the weekend of 17-19 October. Murray Irrigation is a sponsor of the event. For more information, visit: www.tuppallfoodandfibre festival.com.au.

Jennifer McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 34 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(08/10/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 43 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 373 GL
On-Farm Usage 118 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 7,220 ML
Price Range \$120 - \$155
Buy Offer..... \$117
Yesterday's Sales..... 854 ML
Price Range \$117 - \$125
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

30/09/14 – 07/10/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).... 33; 13,915ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 6ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)... 101; 13,969ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 8; 522ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +80.5ML (week)..+18,709ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 12GL (35% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,880	10,000
Wakool Canal	970	2,350
Escape flows	250	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

01/10/14 – 07/10/14 Rain Evap
Finley 4.3mm 32.0mm
Tullakool..... 2.0mm 37.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,619 GL.....94 %
Hume.....2,340 GL.....78 %
Lake Victoria.....650 GL.....96 %
Menindee Lakes304 GL.....18 %
Active Storage.....6,913 GL.....75 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 14,223 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,071 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,202 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,079 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....53 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 7,942 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open

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