

Talking Water

Tuesday 14 October 2014



Murray Irrigation

PIIOP outlet construction

PIIOP outlet construction commenced in divisions 3, 8, 7 and 9 last week. This is the first of many outlet packages to be delivered over the next two years under PIIOP and is expected to be completed in December 2014. Customers receiving upgrades have been notified. Other customers in these areas should be aware of increased construction activity and adhere to traffic control advice when interfacing with the works.

Our outlet consultation team are meeting with customers in divisions 4 and 6.

Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water's (NOW) next allocation announcement is due tomorrow, Wednesday 15 October. This information will be passed on to customers as soon as possible.

Check finish time on orders

Some customers are finding the change to daylight savings is causing some impacts.

Customers are reminded to check the finish time on their pending or operating water orders. Due to the daylight savings time adjustment, some customers have been experiencing difficulties changing their orders.

Please note, 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 last week, due to daylight savings. If you require assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Plan ahead when ordering water

As many customers commence rice fill, our irrigation demand is increasing. 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. For more information, contact regional planning staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Tracking 'bunyip birds'

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA), in conjunction with Birdlife Australia and Riverina Local Land Services, are raising funds to extend the Bitterns in Rice Project. The aim is to conduct satellite tracking of this endangered species to discover where they go after rice is harvested. The aim is to raise \$50,000 through crowd funding by 27 October. Pledges are made, but if the target is not met, the money is not collected. To find out more, or to make a donation, visit www.pozible.com/bunyipbirds.

Deniboota Landholders' AGM

Deniboota Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Caldwell Hall from **7.30pm tonight**. 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. It will showcase the agricultural industry within the region, educating consumers about local food production, agricultural career opportunities, as well as showcasing innovations and the future of food production in Australia. Local schools will be visiting on Friday 17 October, with Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 open to the community and families. Murray Irrigation is a sponsor of the event. For more information, visit:

www.tuppallfoodandfibrefestival.com.au.

Biodiversity workshops

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA), in conjunction with Murray Local Land Services, are holding two 'Biodiversity in the house paddock' workshops next week. The first will be held at the Berrigan CWA Hall from 9.30am on Tuesday 21 October, with the second at the Deniliquin Innovation Park on Todd's Road from 9.30am on Thursday 23 October. For full details, contact Simone Hughes from RGA on M. 0438 064 200.

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

(14/10/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 40 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 337 GL
On-Farm Usage 142 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 4,523 ML
Price Range \$125 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$120
Yesterday's Sales..... 219 ML
Price Range \$125 - \$129
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

07/10/14 – 13/10/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 21; 6,493ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 50ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 36; 6,358ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 185ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +804ML (week)..+19,343ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 23GL (35% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,100	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,500	2,350
Escape flows	1,450	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

07/10/14 – 13/10/14 Rain Evap
Finley 2.3mm 37.3mm
Tullakool..... 0.2mm 44.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,602 GL.....93 %
Hume.....2,327 GL.....77 %
Lake Victoria.....636 GL.....94 %
Menindee Lakes298 GL.....17 %
Active Storage.....6,863 GL.....74 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,860 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,029 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,407 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,085 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 39 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,267 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 3 gates open

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