

TalkingWater

Tuesday 21 October 2014



Murray Irrigation

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Murray Irrigation welcomed its interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Stephen (Steve) Gumley, to the company last week. Steve's interim tenure will be for approximately six months. Shareholders will have the opportunity to meet Steve at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20 November.

Annual Report and AGM

Murray Irrigation's AGM notice of meeting and Proxy form were mailed to all shareholders yesterday, along with a copy of the 2014 Annual Report, if opted to receive one. A PDF copy of the Annual Report can be downloaded from our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au, select 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'.

Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water announced last week a five percent increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 39 percent for general security (Class C) customers.

Murrumbidgee trade restriction lifted

The NSW Office of Water also announced the restriction on allocation trade out of the Murrumbidgee valley has been lifted. Allocation trade into the Murrumbidgee continues unaffected and trade restriction across the Barmah Choke remains relaxed. Trade to and from the Lower Darling remains closed due to storage levels in the Menindee Lakes.

PIIOP customer contact

Next week Murray Irrigation will start contacting customers, initially by phone, to improve our scoping for the PIIOP project. This will occur over the next two to three months. We want customers to start thinking about how their landholding connects to our irrigation supply system by considering the following questions:

- What are your essential outlets? What outlets could be removed? What opportunities are there to change how your landholding is connected by taking over sections or removing sections of our channel system?

This round of consultation will be with customers that have either not been contacted before or who have previously

expressed interest in reconfiguration projects.

Feedback gathered will be used to improve our project planning. Face to face consultation to finalise arrangements for outlets will still remain a key component of our PIIOP Project roll out. We will also work with the Landholder Associations to provide more information about the opportunities PIIOP presents for our customers.

Basin Ministers meeting

The Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council met in Brisbane last Friday 17 October and discussed a wide range of issues. Notably, the Ministers agreed to better coordination of environmental watering and evaluation to reduce duplication, something irrigators have been calling for. The Ministers also agreed to reserve a budget for the MDBA to undertake dredging at the Murray Mouth if required, rejecting the South Australian Minister's earlier public calls for more water recovery.

Deniboota Landholders' AGM

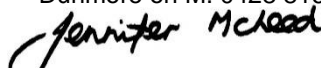
Deniboota Landholders' Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 14 October. Alastair Starritt was re-elected Chair, with Dick Shirley Deputy Chair. John Douglas was elected Secretary/Treasurer. For details, contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Southern Growers workshop

Southern Growers, in conjunction with Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI), are hosting a 'Bred Well Fed Well' workshop next month. It is being held at the Finley Show Grounds from 9.30am on Thursday 6 November. For details, or to RSVP, contact Anna Jewell on M. 0409 567 429.

Young irrigators BBQ

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council and Denimein Landholders' Association are hosting a young irrigators barbecue from 12pm on Sunday 9 November, at the Rocket Park in Russell St, Deniliquin. For details and to RSVP, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785 or Adrian Dunmore on M. 0428 816 901.


Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 39 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(21/10/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 42 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 360 GL
On-Farm Usage 175 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 10,392 ML
Price Range \$117 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$114
Yesterday's Sales..... 872 ML
Price Range \$114 - \$118
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

14/10/14 – 20/10/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 33; 7,771ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 34; 3,569ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 4,202ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +12,731ML (week)...+31,823ML
(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 34GL (53% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	6,800	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,350	2,350
Escape flows	2,780	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

14/10/14 – 20/10/14 Rain Evap
Finley 6.3mm 34.7mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 45.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,580 GL.....93 %
Hume.....2,272 GL.....76 %
Lake Victoria.....617 GL.....91 %
Menindee Lakes289 GL.....17 %
Active Storage.....6,758 GL.....73 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 18,947 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,280 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...5,806 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,056 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....23 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,332 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 8 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**