

# Talking Water

Wednesday 5 November 2014



Murray Irrigation

## No allocation increase

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) made no increase in the NSW Murray general security announced allocation yesterday. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation remains at 39 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers. The next NOW allocation announcement will be on Monday 17 November. A copy of the announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Trade restrictions

Trade of allocation from above Barmah Choke to downstream is now closed as is trade of allocation out of the Murrumbidgee Valley. Barmah Choke trade restrictions were reinstated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority from 5.00pm Tuesday 28 October while Murrumbidgee trade restrictions were applied by the NSW Office of Water (NOW) on Wednesday 29 October. The status of trade across the choke can be monitored via: [www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/barmah-choke](http://www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/barmah-choke). Full details are in the special *Talking Water* released on Wednesday 29 October. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water availability and trade data

Each week, Murray Irrigation reports to customers the total amount of water available on-farm. Currently, the on-farm balance is 344GL. You can find this information under the 'Water availability and usage' section in the far right hand column of today's *Talking Water*. Also available in the right hand column is 'Water use and trade data'. There were 4,979ML traded onto our licence in the last week, with a net trade to our licence of 55,799ML for the year.

## Quarterly invoices

First quarter tax invoices were sent to customers last week. Payment is due by 5.00pm Friday 28 November. Customers are reminded that to be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid. If you are having difficulty paying your account, please contact our Finance department, via reception on T. 1300 138 265, to work out a payment plan.

## Annual General Meeting

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, Deniliquin. The AGM Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form are available via the 'Current activities' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). For further details, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Southern Riverina Irrigators AGM

Southern Riverina Irrigators held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Deniliquin last week. John Bradford was elected Chairman and Public Officer, with Vicki Meyer First Vice Chair, Alastair Starritt Second Vice Chair and Adrian Dunmore Treasurer.

## Neil Blenkiron recognised

Southern Riverina Irrigators presented former Treasurer, Neil Blenkiron, with a locally crafted barometer at its AGM last week. The award was in recognition of Neil's 30 years' membership, over 25 years of which he was the organisation's treasurer. Neil was pivotal in establishing the first Water Exchange in the district which laid the foundation for the establishment of the Murray Irrigation Water Exchange a few years later. Murray Irrigation congratulates Mr Blenkiron for his years of commitment and service to the irrigation community in our region.

## 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 this week. This is a hands-on workshop for growers to learn more about feeding livestock to meet production targets. 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 12.00pm this Sunday 9 November, at the Rocket Park in Russell St, Deniliquin. For details, or 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

(05/11/14)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 40 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance ..... 344 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 235 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 4,331 ML  
Price Range ..... \$131 - \$172  
Buy Offer ..... \$112  
Monday's Sales ..... 6,810 ML  
Price Range ..... \$118 - \$138

To buy water call 1300 781 431

## Water use and trade data

28/10/14 - 04/11/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).... 51; 10,648ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 56; 8,394ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 2,254ML

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

Net trade +4,979ML (week)..+55,799ML(YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 28GL (62% on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,932	10,000
Wakool Canal	775	2,350
Escape flows	2,560	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

29/10/14 - 04/11/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 2.5mm ..... 44.0mm  
Tullakool..... 2.8mm ..... 53.6mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,504 GL.....91 %  
Hume.....2,147 GL.....71 %  
Lake Victoria.....577 GL.....85 %  
Menindee Lakes .....270 GL.....16 %  
Active Storage.....6,498 GL.....70 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 15,132 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 10,344 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,327 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,152 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....74 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 9,784 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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