

TalkingWater

Tuesday 11 November 2014



Murray Irrigation

Annual General Meeting next week

Murray Irrigation's 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held from 10.30am Thursday 20 November, Deniliquin Rams Clubrooms, Hardinge St Oval, Deniliquin.

Shareholders who are unable to attend are encouraged to appoint a proxy. A Proxy Form is available via the 'Current activities' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au and **must be received by 10.30am on Tuesday 18 November** (48 hours before the AGM).

To be eligible to vote, all invoices up to the end of 2013/14 must be paid no later than 10.30am on Monday 17 November.

Allocating water in NSW

The NSW Office of Water has re-released a fact sheet on 'allocating water in the NSW (regulated) Murray Valley'. The document provides an overview of how water is shared and how allocation announcements are determined and provided to licensed entitlement holders in NSW. The document is accessible via the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due on Monday 17 November.

'Leasing' fact sheet

A new 'Leasing Murray Irrigation Water Entitlements or Landholdings' fact sheet has been created in response to numerous customer enquiries about the subject. It includes information on how to authorise a lessee, what an authorised agent can and cannot do, who pays the bills when the landholding is leased, as well as answers to common questions. The fact sheet is available via the 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets' section of our website.

Checking Exchange purchases

If you are ever in doubt about a Water Exchange purchase, either due to possible connection issues or a system error, Murray Irrigation encourages customers to check if the purchase is successful before attempting to 'repurchase'. There are several options available to customers to enable them to check a successful purchase. These include contacting Water Trade for verbal confirmation, logging in to the *Water ordering* system to check

account balances, or logging in to the 'Customer login' portal to check 'Exchange history' purchase information.

In the event that a double purchase occurs, please contact Water Trade immediately, via reception on T. 1300 138 265. A purchase on the Exchange is a binding agreement to purchase and a delay in resolving a double purchase may result in an unacceptable disadvantage to the seller.

NSWIC Director

At the NSW Irrigators' Council (NSWIC) Annual General Meeting in Sydney last week, Murray Irrigation Policy Officer, Perin Davey was elected to one of three vacant Board positions. Her election to the Board provides a link to the executive responsible for the operation of the organisation. At NSWIC it is the Council (not Board), with delegates from across the state, that determines policy. Perin, representing Murray Irrigation, will present our Board's agreed position. Other delegates to NSWIC include SRI, Murray Valley Water Users' Action Group and RGA.

Quarterly invoices

First quarter tax invoices for 2014/15 are 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.

October rainfall

The Bureau of Meteorology has reported area-averaged rain totalling just 12.1mm across the Murray-Darling Basin. This is 70 percent below the long-term mean and the 8th driest October in 115 years of record.

Rice establishment discussion group

A rice grower's breakfast meeting will be held at John Hand's property 'Eddington', Mayrung Road, Thursday 13 November. Breakfast will be served at 7.30am with discussion on rice establishment, an inspection of a rice establishment technique trial, and an inspection of an irrigated wheat variety by sowing time trial. Contact John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(11/11/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 39 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 332 GL
On-Farm Usage 252 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 4,800 ML
Price Range \$135 - \$172
Buy Offer..... \$120
Yesterday's Sales..... 111 ML
Price Range \$133 - \$135
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

04/11/14 - 10/11/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 14; 2,427ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 101ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 16; 2,028ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 500ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +2,183ML (week)..+57,982ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 17GL (67% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,245	10,000
Wakool Canal	810	2,350
Escape flows	2,530	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

04/11/14 - 10/11/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 55.2mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 66.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,489 GL.....90 %
Hume.....2,078 GL.....69 %
Lake Victoria.....573 GL.....85 %
Menindee Lakes258 GL.....15 %
Active Storage.....6,398 GL.....69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,679 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,315 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,060 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,170 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....58 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,833 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open

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