

TalkingWater

Tuesday 25 November 2014



Murray Irrigation

Murray Irrigation AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2014 Annual General Meeting was held at the Deniliquin Rams Clubrooms on Thursday 20 November. A copy of the presentation made at the AGM is available via the 'Current activities' of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au. For more information contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Quarterly invoices

First quarter tax invoices for 2014/15 are due by **5.00pm this 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. Our Finance team are committed to assisting customers that have accounts outstanding with Murray Irrigation. Equitable payment terms are available on request.

Checking Exchange purchases

We remind customers that 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 into 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.

Rice Extension discussion day

Rice Extension will hold a farm discussion day at RRAPL "Old Coree", Conargo Rd, Jerilderie this Wednesday 26 November, commencing with breakfast at 7.00am. An autonomous tractor demonstration will be on display between 7.30am and 8.00am, followed by a discussion on how to save water on rice crops, weed control and water budgeting. Speakers include Brian Dunn and David Troidahl, NSW DPI and Matt Tubb, Landmark. For catering

purposes please RSVP to Troy Mauger, Rice Industry Extension Officer on M. 0417 375 168 by 5.00pm today.

Water storage and state share

The MDBA monitors the water held in storage in River Murray System which includes Dartmouth Dam, Hume Dam, Lake Victoria and the Menindee Lakes. Water is shared between the states according to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. Each month, the MDBA calculates the State share of the active storage. The volume of water in storage for NSW and Victoria, when the storages are not full varies depending on usage. The announced allocation in NSW depends on the volume of water in storage belonging to NSW.

One of the key explanations for the lower announced allocation this year, compared to last year, is the volume in storage for NSW. As at the end of October, NSW holds 56 percent of the available State capacity, while Victoria holds 79 percent. A graphic which shows how much capacity is held by NSW in each of the major storages is available on our website under 'Current activities'. This information shows that, of the volume in storage, at the end of October Victoria owned 1,093GL more than NSW.

Rice scholarships now open

SunRice has launched its inaugural **Jan Cathcart Scholarship Award** – a \$300,000 fund to support women with a connection to the rice industry in their tertiary study. Applications for the first scholarship for 2015 are now open, with potential applicants encouraged to apply before Friday 5 December 2014.

Applications for the **Horizon Scholarship** have also opened and need to be submitted by 30 January 2015. The Horizon Scholarship is an initiative of the Rural Industries R&D Corporation, in partnership with industry sponsors. It provides \$5,000 per year for the duration of a student's university degree.

For more information on the scholarships, or to obtain an application form, call the RGA on T. 02 6953 0433, or visit www.rga.org.au.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 45 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(25/11/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 44 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 376 GL
On-Farm Usage 281 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 5,163 ML
Price Range \$128 - \$172
Buy Offer..... \$120
Yesterday's Sales..... 130 ML
Price Range \$120 - \$130
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

18/11/14 – 24/11/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 17; 1,212ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 17; 1,212ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade +5,418ML (week)..+68,210ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 13GL (67% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,427	10,000
Wakool Canal	561	2,350
Escape flows	2,174	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

18/11/14 – 24/11/14 Rain Evap
Finley 22.9mm 51.3mm
Tullakool..... 5.2mm 56.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,424 GL.....89 %
Hume.....1,973 GL.....66 %
Lake Victoria.....565 GL.....83 %
Menindee LakesN/A.....N/A
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,082 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,071 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...5,888 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,725 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....80 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,833 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 8 gates open

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