

TalkingWater

Tuesday 9 December 2014



Murray Irrigation

Regional Planning evening shift

Customers are reminded that Murray Irrigation Regional Planning staff can be contacted up until 8.30pm each night. The evening shift allows for quicker responses to "unsatisfied orders" placed by customers and more efficient responses to alarms and callouts.

If calling outside of business hours, customers should leave a message via reception, or leave a message with their water order. Please remember to leave your name, landholding reference number and contact telephone number, along with a brief description of the issue.

These messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. Customers can expect phone responses from Murray Irrigation staff up until 8.30pm, where that enquiry requires attention before 6.30am the next day. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

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

Positions vacant

Murray Irrigation is currently advertising to fill a number of vacant job opportunities. The company is seeking talented project professionals for four critical positions within its PIOP structure:

- Program Manager – Outlet and Reconfigurations;
- Project Manager – Closure;
- Contracts Administrator; and
- Project Scheduler.

We are also seeking a **Water Delivery Supervisor**, an **Economist (Graduate)** and a **WHSE and Compliance Officer**.

The additional resources have been identified as priorities by our interim CEO based on his initial two months at Murray Irrigation. Additional resources in the PIOP project will assist to ensure this significant investment of both government and company funds is effective.

The company-funded safety position will build on and improve the company safety system. This is an essential part of any business. The graduate economist will work with Murray Irrigation's policy staff and also regional organisation to provide

data to assist the region respond to the implementation of the Basin Plan.

For more information and details on all of the above positions, as well as instructions on how to apply, visit the 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Justice of the Peace availability

Customers requiring the services of a Justice of the Peace (JP) are welcome to book an appointment with Murray Irrigation staff Elise Thomas or Norma Cookson. The local JPs are available by appointment only (to ensure availability). Both Ms Thomas and Mrs Cookson are based in our Deniliquin Charlotte Street office, but Ms Thomas will also be in Finley most Tuesdays. To book an appointment, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

November rainfall and weather

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has reported that overall rainfall for the Basin was 51 percent below the long-term mean, with an area-averaged total of 19.5mm - the 25th lowest November rainfall on record. BoM reports that spring area-average rainfall for the Murray-Darling Basin was also 51 percent below the mean, which was equal 10th lowest on record.

Spring 2014 was the warmest on record for Australia (for the second year in a row), with NSW recording its highest maximum temperature anomaly in spring.

Rice industry graduate program

The Rice Industry Graduate Program is calling for applicants for its 2015 program. The program was established to provide agricultural graduates with a structured development pathway in the rice industry. The program gives graduates the opportunity to earn while they learn about the rice industry and form valuable industry networks. For more information and details about how to apply, contact the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) on T. 02 6953 0433 or E. rga@rga.org.au. Applications close 5.30pm Monday 5 January, 2015.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(09/12/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 41 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 351 GL
On-Farm Usage 306 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 6,377 ML
Price Range \$127 - \$160
Buy Offer..... \$115
Yesterday's Sales..... 0 ML
Price Range N/A
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

02/12/14 – 08/12/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 9; 1,950ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 14; 1,932ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 18ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade +3,187ML (week)..+77,465ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 15GL (82% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,051	10,000
Wakool Canal	646	2,350
Escape flows	2,375	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

02/12/14 – 08/12/14 Rain Evap
Finley 23.8mm 43.9mm
Tullakool..... 14.4mm 53.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,352 GL.....87 %
Hume.....1,916 GL.....64 %
Lake Victoria.....549 GL.....81 %
Menindee Lakes231 GL.....13 %
Active Storage.....6,048 GL.....65 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 11,776 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,140 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,012 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,491 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....50 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,627 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 5 gates open

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