



Meeting with NSW Deputy Premier

Murray Irrigation Chairman Bruce Simpson and Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) Chairman John Bradford travelled to Dubbo on Thursday 15 January to meet with NSW Deputy Premier, Troy Grant. The meeting was constructive and included discussion on several issues relating to the state's responsibilities to implement the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. For full details on the meeting, see yesterday's media release which is available via the 'Media releases' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Water ordering update

Murray Irrigation will be updating its *Water ordering* system later this week. The scheduled time of the upgrade has changed since our 2QN radio interview this morning. There will be a special *Talking Water* released prior to the system upgrade advising of the outage time and detailing the improvements being made. Instruction material will be updated. A notification of the system upgrade will also be put on the *Water ordering* system.

OFIEP Round 5

Expressions of Interest for Round 5 of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) are due by 5.00pm Friday 20 February 2015. To receive an Expression of Interest information pack, or for further enquiries, contact Peter Osborne, Senior Administration Officer On-Farm Projects, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Rice growing reminder

Rice growers are reminded that rice crops are approaching the microspore stage. To avoid delays and difficulties with water ordering, please be vigilant about your order duration, and provide as much notice as possible when ordering water. Customers are reminded that they can set up order end date notifications via SMS for both four days and one day.

Advance water orders

As the weather gets warmer, and demand for water increases, customers are reminded to place their irrigation orders well in advance to avoid a potential delay in water delivery. A minimum of four days' notice (day one is for orders received before 6.30am) is required in advance to guarantee delivery. For more information, contact our Regional Planning staff, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water announced on Thursday a three percent increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 52 percent for general security (Class C) customers. The NSW Office of Water issued an updated data sheet on Friday 16 January.

For more information, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

MILCast open for 2015

Customers are advised that MILCast has re-opened for 2015. Production recommenced yesterday. For any sales enquiries, contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051, or for more information, visit the 'MILCast' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Positions vacant

Murray Irrigation is currently advertising to fill a number of vacant job opportunities. The company is seeking to fill the following positions:

- Administration Officer – MILCast (Finley);
- Storeperson Precast Concrete – MILCast (Finley);
- Administration Officer On-Farm Projects (Deniliquin).

Applications for the two MILCast positions close 5.00pm Friday 30 January, while the On-Farm Projects position closes 5.00pm Friday 20 February.

For more information on the above positions, as well as details on how to apply, visit the 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Alternatively, applicants can contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Australia Day office closure

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 26 January for the Australia Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 27 January. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 28 January, with our 'On the Land' radio segment on 1521 2QN also being broadcast on Wednesday.

Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 52 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(20/01/15)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....29 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....252 GL
On-Farm Usage 449 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 7,249 ML
Price Range \$128 - \$155
Buy Offer..... \$112
Yesterday's Sales..... 103 ML
Price Range \$112 - \$129

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

13/01/15 – 19/01/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....18; 3,934ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 27; 3,934ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 1071ML (week).....+79,217ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 13GL (91% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,520	10,000
Wakool Canal	977	2,350
Escape flows	1,875	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

13/01/15 – 19/01/15 Rain Evap
Finley 22.9mm 50.9mm
Tullakool..... 9.8mm 55.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,164 GL.....82 %
Hume.....1,548 GL.....51 %
Lake Victoria.....467 GL.....69 %
Menindee Lakes158 GL.....9 %
Active Storage.....5,337 GL.....58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 17,031 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 10,238 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,483 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,756 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....169 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 8,451 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 4 gates open

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