

Talking Water

Wednesday 28 January 2015



Murray Irrigation

System updates

Murray Irrigation has updated its *Water ordering* system – both online and telephone systems – as well as the *Water Exchange*. For full details on these updates, see the special *Talking Water* released on Thursday 22 January. This is available via Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Our Water Distribution Supervisors are available to assist customers with using the *Water ordering* system. There are also *Water ordering* instruction guides and fact sheets on understanding water allocation reports available via our website, or by contacting reception. Customers are reminded that they can set up order end date notifications via SMS for both four days and one day. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP website

Murray Irrigation has created a new section of its website for our Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP). The 'PIIOP' section includes information on the program, photos, glossary of terms, map of completed works, details on our Sub-System Retirement program and customer testimonials. To view the PIIOP section, visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on the PIIOP image on our home page. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Second quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's second quarter accounts are being sent to customers this week, with payment due 5.00pm Friday 27 February. 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.

Positive water balance

Customers are reminded to ensure their landholdings have positive water balances. Customers can nominate to receive a notification via SMS or email that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance. Customers who have been sent a notification, or have been contacted previously, will find that their outlets are switched off when a zero balance is reached. Once contacted by staff,

customers need to transfer water or risk having their outlet switched off and then having to wait up to four days for it to re-start. If you have more than one landholding, it may be possible to merge your allocation accounts which removes the need to transfer water between landholdings to maintain a positive balance. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement Monday

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due next Monday 2 February. This information will be passed on to customers as soon as possible that morning.

Salt works

Murray Irrigation and Cheetham Salt Ltd. (CSL) have recently signed a Deed of Release to end a 10 year salt harvesting lease of the Wakool Tullakool Sub Surface Drainage Scheme (WTSSDS) Stage 1 evaporation basins. CSL will soon commence activities to remove the remaining stockpile of unprocessed salt from the Stage 1 basins in order to comply with the terms of the deed by 30 April 2015. Murray Irrigation and CSL will be selling the stockpiled gypsum in a joint venture.

Bill Hetherington OAM

Murray Irrigation congratulates Bill Hetherington on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) at the Australia Day Ceremony in Deniliquin. The former Murray Irrigation Chairman was recognised for his service to the irrigation industry and the wider community. For full details, see the article published in the Deniliquin Pastoral Times newspaper here: www.mmg.com.au/local-news/deniliquin/bill-hetherington-deni-oam-recipient-1.86997.

Flow to South Australia

The MDBA reports that flow to South Australia has increased from around 7,500ML/day to approximately 10,081ML/day (current as at 9.00am this morning). These increased flows are a result of additional environmental water orders, including environmental flows from the Goulburn. For more information see: www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/current-information-forecasts/weekly-report.


Steve Gumley, Interim CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(28/01/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....28 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....240 GL
On-Farm Usage477 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale7,278 ML
Price Range \$128 - \$155
Buy Offer..... \$115
Yesterday's Sales.....275 ML
Price Range\$127 - \$128
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

20/01/15 – 27/01/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....31; 2,825ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 13; 2,290ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 535ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 3,072ML (week).....+82,289ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 28GL (76% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,613	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,146	2,350
Escape flows	2,175	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

21/01/15 – 27/01/15 Rain Evap
Finley0.0mm 58.6mm
Tullakool.....0.0mm 70.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,141 GL.....81 %
Hume.....1,451 GL.....48 %
Lake Victoria.....441 GL.....65 %
Menindee Lakes148 GL.....9 %
Active Storage.....5,181 GL.....56 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 18,935 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 10,119 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,511 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,475 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....123 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,081 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 6 gates open

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