

# Talking Water

Tuesday 3 February 2015



Murray Irrigation

## Bob Baldwin visit

Parliamentary Secretary to the Environment Minister, Bob Baldwin, and newly announced MDBA Chairman Neil Andrew are travelling through parts of the southern connected Murray-Darling Basin on a familiarisation tour today. Murray Irrigation is hosting the pair and will showcase the benefit of investing in on and off-farm infrastructure. For details, see yesterday's media release, available via the home page of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## OFIEP Round Five

Staff will be available to assist customers complete their On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) Round Five Expression of Interest forms at Murray Irrigation offices from 10.00am to 4.00pm on the following dates:

- Wakool office – Wednesday 4 February;
- Deniliquin office – Thursday 5 February;
- Finley office – Friday 6 February.

The deadline to submit completed Expression of Interest forms is 5.00pm Friday 20 February 2015. For further information, please contact Senior Administration Officer Peter Osborne, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water trade glossary

Murray Irrigation has developed a glossary of terms for water trade. We have also produced some new fact sheets on 'permanent trade' (one each respectively for customers, banks and solicitors), as well as a fact sheet on 'security interest'. To view the above documents, visit the 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Fact sheets' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Allocation announcement

The NSW Office of Water announced yesterday a one percent increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 53 percent for general security (Class C) customers. For more information, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water order start/end alerts

Customers are reminded that they can register to receive alerts for up to four days prior to an order starting or finishing. Customers also have the option to receive notices one day prior. Customers must register for this service by logging in to their online *Water ordering* account. Click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Second quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's second quarter accounts were sent to customers last 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.

## Wakool Supervisor retirement

Wakool Water Distribution Supervisor, Lee Pattinson retired on Friday, after almost 34 years with Murray Irrigation. His position will remain vacant in the interim, and the role of the Wakool Supervisor will be covered by the Finley and Deniliquin Water Distribution Supervisors until alternative arrangements are made. Both Supervisors can be contacted via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Southern Growers corn crop walk

Southern Growers Inc. are hosting two corn crop walks this Thursday 5 February. The first will take place from 9.30am at Geoff McLeod's property, St Leon's Road, Finley. The second walk will start at 10.45am at David Alexander's property, Wattle Valley Road, Finley. For more information, contact Anna Jewell, on M. 0409 567 429.

## Riverina Dairy discussion group

The Riverina Dairy discussion group is holding its next meeting on Tuesday 10 February from 10.30am to 2.00pm at Brian, Faye and Cody Trickey's farm, 336 Logie Brae Road, Myrtle Park. Guest speaker will be Peter Notman, from Notman Pasture Seeds. For further information, contact Adrian Smith at Murray LLS on M. 0447 778 515, or Ruth Kydd on M. 0417 687 097.

  
Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 53 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(03/02/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....27 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance.....238 GL  
On-Farm Usage .....499 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 8,646 ML  
Price Range ..... \$124 - \$150  
Buy Offer..... \$113  
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,390 ML  
Price Range .....\$119 - \$125  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

27/01/15 – 02/02/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....40; 4,474ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 21; 2,189ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 6; 2,285ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 4,518ML (week).....+86,607ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 22GL (78% on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,224	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,011	2,350
Escape flows	2,321	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

27/01/15 – 02/02/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 57.0mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 68.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,115 GL.....81 %  
Hume.....1,380 GL.....46 %  
Lake Victoria.....423 GL.....62 %  
Menindee Lakes .....141 GL.....8 %  
Active Storage.....5,059 GL.....55 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 16,343 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 10,119 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,027 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 786 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....70 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 9,804 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 9 gates open

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