

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 February 2015



Murray Irrigation

Bob Baldwin visit

Murray Irrigation was invited to participate in a tour of our region by the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Environment Minister, Bob Baldwin, and the new MDBA Chairman Neil Andrew last Tuesday 3 February. Murray Irrigation highlighted the benefits of water recovery through investment in on and off-farm infrastructure and the need to legislate to cap buyback at 1,500GL. The need to achieve offsets through the Sustainable Diversion Limit adjustment mechanism was stressed with a visit to the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest Project, providing a working example of outcomes that can be achieved through engineered solutions. For more information, see the 'Media releases' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Allocation announcement next week

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due next Monday 16 February. Murray Irrigation endeavours to pass this information onto our customers as soon as possible the morning of release (approximately 6.30am). Please note that due to recent customer feedback, we will now only be sending the early notification via email and SMS.

The facsimile notification will be sent to registered fax recipients at approximately 9.00am. If customers that currently receive *Talking Water* via fax would like to receive the early notification of allocation announcements, they need to change their *Talking Water* subscription to email by completing registration requirements online via the *Water ordering* system or by 'Form 2 - Change of Contact Details' which is available via our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round Five

The deadline to submit completed On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) Round Five Expression of Interest forms is 5.00pm Friday 20 February 2015. For further information or assistance, please contact Senior Administration Officer Peter Osborne, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Account payment options

Murray Irrigation's second quarter accounts are due 5.00pm Friday 27 February. Customers wishing to pay their accounts using BPay are reminded to use

the reference number from their December invoice, as the reference does change from invoice to invoice. Customers paying via direct deposit should allow three business days for banks to process payment. 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. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Rice Extension field walks

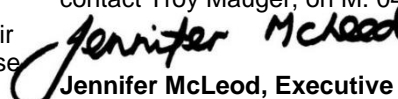
Rice Extension is hosting a series of field walks and workshops next week. Details are as follows:

- Wednesday 18 February - Mark Ryan's property 'Equity Park' (Berrigan-Barooga Road), 2.30pm;
- Thursday 19 February - Hicks family property 'Wandarra' (Old Marago Road, near Pretty Pine), 2.30pm;
- Friday 20 February - Nathan Pate's property (574 The Rocks Road, near Tocumwal), 10.00am.

For further information or to RSVP, contact Murray Valley Rice Extension Officer Troy Mauger on M. 0417 375 168 or RGA Environmental Projects Manager Neil Bull on M. 0428 603 557.

Rice Field Day

RGA is holding its 2015 Rice Field Day at Rice Research Australia Pty Ltd, 'Old Coree' (near Jerilderie) from 9.15am to 4.00pm on Thursday 5 March. The day will include information on new varieties and varietal development trials, plant population trials, weed control and sowing methods, precision ag technologies, business opportunities and biodiversity, as well as market updates. For information, contact Troy Mauger, on M. 0417 375 168.


Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(10/02/15)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....26 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....229 GL
On-Farm Usage523 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale7,025 ML
Price Range \$124 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$119
Yesterday's Sales.....1,028 ML
Price Range\$119 - \$129
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

03/02/15 - 09/02/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....42; 6,013ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 165ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 28; 4,083ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 2,095ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 2,037ML (week).....+88,645ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 25GL (74% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,415	10,000
Wakool Canal	767	2,350
Escape flows	2,275	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

03/02/15 - 09/02/15 Rain Evap
Finley0.0mm67.5mm
Tullakool.....0.0mm68.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,086 GL.....80 %
Hume.....1,292 GL.....43 %
Lake Victoria.....394 GL.....58 %
Menindee Lakes133 GL.....8 %
Active Storage.....4,905 GL.....53 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 18,665 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,168 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,318 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 386 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....N/A
Flow to SA.....9,404 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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