

Talking Water

Tuesday 24 February 2015



Murray Irrigation

Issues with SMS notifications

Some customers experienced issues with their *Water ordering* SMS notifications last week. Murray Irrigation has since resolved these issues. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Second quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's second quarter accounts are due by **5.00pm this Friday 27 February**. Customers are reminded that to be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by this date. If you are having difficulty paying your account, please contact our Finance department, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round Five

Expressions of Interest for Round Five of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) closed at 5.00pm Friday 20 February. Murray Irrigation is now preparing its Delivery Partner Application (containing Expressions of Interest received) for the Commonwealth. Further information on progress will be in future editions of *Talking Water*. For more information, contact Senior Administration Officer, Peter Osborne, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement next week

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due Monday 2 March. Murray Irrigation will pass this information onto our customers via email and SMS as soon as possible the morning of release (approximately 6.30am). Due to recent customer feedback, the facsimile notification will be sent to registered fax recipients at approximately 9.00am.

Customers who currently receive *Talking Water* via fax that wish to receive the early notification of allocation announcements, will need to change their *Talking Water* subscription to email by completing 'Form 2 - Change of Contact Details' which is available via our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Updates to Water ordering guides

Murray Irrigation's *Water ordering* instruction guides have been updated to incorporate recent improvements made to the system. The telephone *Water order booklet* now includes instructions on how to contact Regional Planners, while the *Web ordering instruction guide* details new

account information available to customers online. To download a copy of the guides, visit the 'Water' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Contacting Murray Irrigation

Messages sent via the 'Contact us' section of Murray Irrigation's website are only attended to during business hours. Customers requiring assistance with water ordering are advised to contact reception on T. 1300 138 265. If calling outside of business hours, customers should leave a message via the reception message bank, or leave a message when placing 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.

The Murray Irrigation emergency number (T. 1300 657 313) is for emergencies only. Customers should only ring this number after hours for an emergency that cannot wait until normal business hours (for example, a major channel breach, regulator failure, etc.).

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.

West Berriquin meeting

The West Berriquin Irrigators' Council branch meeting, originally scheduled for Monday 2 March, has been postponed to Monday 16 March. The meeting will be held from 6.15pm (for 7.15pm start) at the Sportsman's Arm Hotel in Victoria Street, Deniliquin. For more information, contact Vicki Meyer on M. 0409 600 749.

Scott Barlow
Water Distribution Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 59 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(24/02/15)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....31 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....266 GL
On-Farm Usage556 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale7,136 ML
Price Range\$100 - \$150
Buy Offer.....\$91
Yesterday's Sales.....1,573 ML
Price Range\$91 - \$107

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

17/02/15 - 23/02/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....28; 4,333ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 1,060ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....29; 4,609ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....4; 784ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 11ML (week).....+91,916.5ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....15GL (71% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,884	10,000
Wakool Canal	652	2,350
Escape flows	1,975	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

17/02/15 - 23/02/15 Rain Evap
Finley16.5mm45.5mm
Tullakool.....0.0mm62.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,050 GL.....79 %
Hume.....1,194 GL.....40 %
Lake Victoria.....310 GL.....46 %
Menindee Lakes120 GL.....7 %
Active Storage.....4,674 GL.....50 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point14,898 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir9,747 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,081 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....776 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....6 ML/d
Flow to SA.....9,185 ML/d
Murray to the Sea7 gates open

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