

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 March 2015



Murray Irrigation

Environment Policy implementation

The Environment Policy outlines the calculation of the maximum rice water usage figure and any climatic adjustment to the total farm water use limit.

Rice Growing Rules - the final maximum rice water usage figures for 2014/15 are:

- 15.4ML/ha for E, Q and M landholdings;
- 18.4ML/ha for D, W and T landholdings.

The difference is due to the significantly lower rainfall in the western region of Murray Irrigation's area of operations for the 2014/15 irrigation season.

Total Farm Water Balance Rules - There will be no increase in the total farm water use limit for 2014/15 as the evapotranspiration levels are close to average for the 2014/15 irrigation season.

The Environment Policy is available in the 'Corporate' then 'Company Policies' section of our website.

Register for SMS and email alerts

Customers wishing to receive notification alerts via **both** SMS and email must contact Murray Irrigation's Water Trade staff to activate these settings for you, via reception on T. 1300 138 265. Customers have the ability to activate **either** SMS or email via the online *Water ordering* system, but activating **both** can only be done by Water Trade. Customers are responsible for updating mobile or email details online or via *Form 2 - Change of Contact Details* for multiple registered owners.

Maintaining positive water balances

A reminder that customers are responsible for maintaining a positive balance in water accounts. Regional Planning staff will attempt to contact landholders before finishing their outlets however this is not always possible. Transfers must be completed the day before your account runs out of water, as finish orders are placed at 6.30am the next day.

Please be aware that there may be a four day wait. If you receive an 'insufficient capacity' notice when placing an order, accept and submit the date offered and then return to your order and attempt to change the start date to the day you want it. For any enquiries regarding water orders, please contact a Regional Planner via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP customer consultation

Murray Irrigation will commence consultation with customers on their outlet upgrades in divisions 12 and 13 near Deniliquin this week.

Buy bid funds clearance policy

Customers are reminded of the terms and conditions for listing a buy bid. Payment must be made as **cleared funds** to Murray Irrigation's nominated account. Buy bid applications accompanied by cheque or confirmation of BPAY payment will not be listed until funds have cleared. This may take up to three days. For an instant listing, Murray Irrigation recommends either a direct deposit via Commonwealth Bank branch with receipt of payment as proof or bank cheque. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, however to remain fair and equitable we must adhere to the Water Exchange Terms and Conditions for all customers.

Cheque deposit boxes

Murray Irrigation now has cheque deposit boxes at both our Deniliquin and Finley reception areas for **quarterly account payments**. Simply put the cheque into the envelope provided and drop it into the box. Murray Irrigation will process your payment and send out a receipt (if required).

West Berriquin meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding a branch meeting next Monday 16 March. The meeting will be held from 6.30pm for 7.15pm at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Victoria Street, Deniliquin. Contact Vicki Meyer on M. 0409 600 749.

Landholder Association meetings advance notice

Local Landholder Associations have set dates for their landholder meetings, full details and times are on our website under 'Current activities'. Dates to note:

- Denibootea - Wednesday 25 March
- Wakool - Wednesday 25 March
- Denimein - Thursday 26 March

Finley farm business update

A reminder that GRDC and Southern Growers Inc. are hosting a Finley farm business update at Finley RS Club from 9.00am on Thursday 12 March. Register at www.orm.com.au or T. 03 5441 6176.

Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(10/03/15)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....24 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 210 GL
On-Farm Usage 602 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 5,110 ML
Price Range \$115 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$105
Yesterday's Sales..... 577 ML
Price Range \$113 - \$115

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

03/03/15 - 09/03/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....47; 3,892ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 100ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 31; 3,934ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 58ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -913ML (week).... +89,871ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 30GL (58% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,411	10,000
Wakool Canal	803	2,350
Escape flows	2,200	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

03/03/15 - 09/03/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 44.6mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 53.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,035 GL.....79 %
Hume.....1,040 GL.....35 %
Lake Victoria.....256 GL.....38 %
Menindee Lakes 103 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,434 GL.....48 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 18,788 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,850 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge975 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 316 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 9 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,002 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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