

Talking Water

Wednesday 8 April 2015



Murray Irrigation

Exchange purchases over Easter

Payment for any Exchange purchases made between Friday 3 April and Monday 6 April must be received by Murray Irrigation as cleared funds by close of business this Thursday 9 April. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Finley office receiving facilities

Murray Irrigation is currently in the process of recruiting a new Water Trade Officer for its Finley office. Due to this, there will be no receipting facilities for Water Exchange purchases at our Finley office from next Monday 13 April. Customers wishing to pay for Exchange purchases will need to use either direct debit, BPay, or hand deliver a cheque to Murray Irrigation's head office in Charlotte Street, Deniliquin until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Daylight savings adjustment

Customers who wish to alter or finish their water orders that started before Sunday 5 April are asked to contact a Regional Planner, via reception on T. 1300 138 265. This is to ensure a '24-hour block error' does not occur. Regional Planners will need to alter your order to coincide with the time change of daylight savings.

Water Exchange listing issues

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange is currently experiencing some system issues. Customers who are using the Water Exchange for listing purposes may experience a time out error. If an attempt to list a purchase fails, please contact Water Trade staff during office hours via reception on T. 1300 138 265, or if calling after hours, please leave a message on this number. This error is currently being fixed and we apologise if any customers are affected.

End of season arrangements

Murray Irrigation is planning to close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes on **Monday 11 May**. There is the potential for an extension, subject to customer demand. For customers impacted by PIIOP construction, arrangements advised last week remain in place. Full details on end of 2014/15 irrigation season arrangements will be distributed via a special *Talking Water* this week.

Casual Usage Fee

The third quarter account for 2014/15 will be based on meter readings taken up to yesterday, Tuesday 7 April. Customers have until 5.00pm **this Friday 10 April** to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee. SMS alerts have been sent to those customers at risk of incurring the Casual Usage Fee. If in doubt, contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Updating communication settings

Customers are reminded that they can adjust their communication settings via their *Water ordering* account. This includes updating preferences as to whether you receive *Talking Water* via email or fax. Simply login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. Alternatively, customers can contact Water Trade for assistance, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Customers can also set order start/end date SMS and email notifications for either four days, one day or both. 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.

Customers are responsible for updating mobile or email details online or via *Form 2* – *Change of Contact Details* for multiple registered owners.

March 2015 summary

The Bureau of Meteorology has reported area-averaged rain totalling just 16.1mm across the Murray-Darling Basin during March. This is 58 percent below the long-term March mean and the 22nd driest March in 116 years of record.

River Murray system inflows (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) were around 50GL for March. This volume is less than a quarter of the long-term monthly average and only slightly more than the record lowest March inflows of 1998 (40 GL) and 2009 (50 GL).

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 61 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 2 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(08/04/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....20 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 171 GL
On-Farm Usage 686 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,489 ML
Price Range \$135 - \$190
Buy Offer..... \$130
Yesterday's Sales..... 357 ML
Price Range \$135 - \$140
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

01/04/15 – 07/04/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....35; 2,223ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 25; 1,779ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 444ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade.. 1,074ML(week)..+94,271ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 25GL (58% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,297	10,000
Wakool Canal	637	2,350
Escape flows	1,953	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

01/04/15 – 07/04/15 Rain Evap
Finley 8.9mm 31.0mm
Tullakool..... 17.4mm 30.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,972 GL.....77 %
Hume.....642 GL.....21 %
Lake Victoria.....165 GL.....24 %
Menindee Lakes80 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....3,859 GL.....42 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 13,459 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,891 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,129 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,165 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 6 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 6,291 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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