

TalkingWater

Tuesday 2 June 2015



Murray Irrigation

Murray Water Exchange closure

The Murray Water Exchange closes at **5.00pm this Friday 5 June**. All transactions need to be completed by this deadline. Unsold allocation and delivery entitlements will be returned to the seller, while funds from unsuccessful buyer bids will be returned to the buyer. Customers seeking to use the Exchange to purchase annual delivery entitlements are reminded of this deadline. Internal annual trade closes at **5.00pm Friday 12 June**, including annual transfer of delivery entitlements. This is the last day for customers to transfer annual allocation and or annual delivery entitlements for the 2014/15 year. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Channel draining

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel draining out all escapes in preparation for routine winter maintenance and PIIOP construction works. Any outlets still operating by next Monday 8 June will be finished and final meter readings recorded. For operational information, contact your Channel Attendant. For all other enquiries, contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

MILCast price increase

An updated MILCast price list is now available on Murray Irrigation's website. The new price list incorporates a 10 percent price increase on all MILCast products, effective 1 June 2015. To view the new price list, visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on the 'MILCast' tab. For further information, please contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051.

Cap legislation introduced

Legislation to cap buyback at 1,500GL was introduced to Federal Parliament last Thursday. In a press release about the legislation, Environment Minister Greg Hunt stressed the cap was a ceiling, not a target, and the Government will continue to prioritise infrastructure investment.

While introduced, the Bill will not be voted on until the next sitting period. In the interim, the Government is working with the Opposition to try to ensure its successful passage through both Houses of Parliament. Achieving this legislation is the result of continuous advocacy from industry groups across the Basin.

Barmah Choke trade update

The MDBA released an update for the Barmah Choke trade, reminding water holders that the trade restriction only allows downstream allocation (temporary) trade where the same or greater volume had been traded upstream.

Water license holders are advised that the balance must be reset to zero at the start of the new water year (12.01am on Wednesday 1 July), and downstream allocation will only be permitted once upstream trades have occurred - unless a determination is made to relax the normal trade restriction. Customers can monitor the balance on the MDBA website: www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/barmah-choke. Water entitlements (permanent) cannot be traded from above to below the choke.

Peter Cooper retirement

Murray Irrigation recently farewelled long-serving Plant/Weeds Operator, Peter Cooper. Peter has retired after 41 years of service to the company. We wish him all the best for his future.

Rice Extension demonstration days

Rice Extension is holding two free demonstration days this month to help farmers achieve best practice fertiliser application through fertiliser spreader calibration and set up. The first day is at 'Newgrove', Mayrung Road, Logie Brae on Wednesday 3 June, while the second day is at 'Wandana', Peppertree Road, Tocumwal on Tuesday 9 June. Both days start at 10.30am with lunch provided. For further information, or to RSVP, contact Troy Mauger from Rice Extension on M. 0417 375 168.

Murray Irrigation offices closed

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 8 June for the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 9 June. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 10 June. There will be no 'On-The-Land' radio segment next week.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(02/06/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 152 GL
On-Farm Usage 741 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of ...15 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 1,888 ML
Price Range \$174 - \$250
Buy Offer..... \$161
Yesterday's Sales..... 409 ML
Price Range \$160 - \$166
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

26/05/15 – 01/06/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 10; 1,151ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 13; 1,143ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 8ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..3,326ML(week)..+100,050ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm... 46ML (100% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	40	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

26/05/15 – 01/06/15 Rain Evap
Finley 8.3mm 11.3mm
Tullakool..... 7.0mm 10.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....N/A.....N/A
Hume.....769 GL.....26 %
Lake Victoria.....332 GL.....49 %
Menindee Lakes73 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 2,154 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 5,594 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 942 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 382 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,990 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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