

TalkingWater

Wednesday 10 June 2015



Murray Irrigation

Contacting Murray Irrigation

As Murray Irrigation transitions to a more modernised irrigation system, we wish to inform customers that the service role of the Regional Planning staff has been redefined. Staff in these positions are now referred to as **Network Controllers**. All normal contact arrangements for Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. Customers requiring assistance with water ordering are advised to contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 and ask to speak to a Network Controller.

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.). Messages sent via the 'Contact us' section of Murray Irrigation's website are only attended to during business hours. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Close of annual trade

All internal annual trades close at **5.00pm this 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 Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Fourth quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts will be sent to customers in July with payment due in August. If customers require their fourth quarter account for payment in the 2014/15 financial year, please contact our Finance department via reception on T. 1300 138 265, or email finance@murrayirrigation.com.au. Please provide details of your landholding reference number and or customer number. Details of the fourth quarter account will be available in the week starting Monday 22 June.

May inflows summary

The MDBA has reported that River Murray System inflows for May (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River, IVT and managed environmental inflows) totalled around 240GL. This volume was greater than May 2014 inflows (200GL), however remained below the long-term average for May of about 440GL.

MDBA water year summary

The MDBA reports that River Murray System inflows during the 2014/15 water year were around 4,400GL, putting 2014/15 in the driest 15 percent of years on record. By comparison, inflows in 2013/14 totalled 5,700GL with 7,400GL in 2012/13 and the long-term average is around 9,100GL.

Without access to water in Menindee Lakes this year, high demands required flow through the choke to remain close to channel capacity from late September to late April. Also, large volumes of water were transferred around the choke via Murray Irrigation and Goulburn-Murray Water supply networks and record volumes of inter-valley trade were delivered from the Goulburn and Murrumbidgee Valleys.

To view the full report, visit: www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/current-information-forecasts/weekly-report and click on 'Weekly Report 3 June 2015'.

Farming transitions meeting

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia is holding a 'Farming Transitions and Loot' meeting from 9.00am next Thursday 18 June. Rob Brown from Peppin Planners will join a panel of local farming families to explore opportunities to navigate your farming transition through entrepreneurial development and growth, exit strategies and succession options.

The event will be held in the Deniliquin RSL Club Gallery Room. Cost is \$10, which will go to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. To RSVP, contact Simone Hughes on M. 0438 064 200, or E. ecp.rga@gmail.com.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(10/06/15)
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 has now closed.
Trading will recommence on Wednesday 1 July.

Water use and trade data

02/06/15 – 09/06/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 12; 1,557ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 22; 1,538ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 19ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade.... 100ML(week)..+100,150ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

02/06/15 – 09/06/15 Rain Evap
Finley 3.0mm 8.9mm
Tullakool..... 6.0mm 9.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,851 GL.....74 %
Hume.....851 GL.....28 %
Lake Victoria.....374 GL.....55 %
Menindee Lakes75 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....4,151 GL.....45 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,679 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 3,631 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 982 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 543 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,733 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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