

TalkingWater

Tuesday 16 June 2015



Murray Irrigation

2015/16 Fees and Prices mail out

Murray Irrigation's Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement will be mailed to all customers tomorrow, Wednesday 17 June. The fees and prices are effective from 1 July 2015.

In arriving at these fees and prices, the Board has built on information from the business health check and financial modelling recently completed. The fees and prices move the company towards long-term financial sustainability. The effect of the fee changes on customers will vary depending on their holdings of water and delivery entitlements, water usage and whether they have previously taken up the discount offered by the company.

Across Murray Irrigation the impact on customers taking up the discount is a 10 percent increase and three percent for customers that don't. These increases are slightly lower than those discussed at the recent round of Ricegrowers' Association meetings because the final determination released by the ACCC for the WaterNSW determination is less than the draft determination.

Customers are advised that the 2015/16 fees are less than the fees forecast in our Network Service Plan (2012).

These documents are available at: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices'. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Works and maintenance update

Murray Irrigation's winter works program is proceeding as planned. Our crews are currently bank building, de-silting channels, installing rock erosion control and other important works.

Murray Irrigation's contractors are conducting annual preventative maintenance tasks on regulators in the Mulwala Canal. One major upgrade is in progress at Alexanders Regulator. This is a critical regulator for Murray Irrigation's water distribution network. The regulator is located on the Mulwala Canal, approximately 20km south of Berrigan. The regulator upgrade includes the supply and installation of 12 new steel regulator side panels and the refurbishment of six regulator gates. The work is being completed by Geelong-based Uptime Service who have previously completed

similar projects for Murray Irrigation. Work is proceeding on schedule and should be completed by the end of June, well before the start of the 2015/16 irrigation season.

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.

Choke trade restrictions to continue

Trading water from above the Barmah Choke to below the choke will continue to be restricted into the 2015/16 water year. This means people upstream of the choke can sell water to buyers downstream of the choke, but only if the same or greater volume of water has been transferred from downstream to upstream of the choke first.

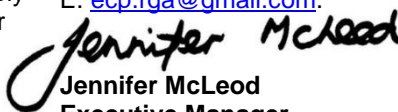
The balance of water that can be traded through the choke will be reset on 1 July 2015. An annual adjustment will also be made to take account of water savings transferred to the Snowy scheme, resulting in an opening balance of 32,700ML. This will be the initial volume available to be traded from above to below the Barmah Choke.

The current trade balance for the choke can be found at: mdba.gov.au/river-data/barmah-choke.

Farming transitions meeting

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia is holding a 'Farming Transitions and Loot' meeting from 9.00am this Thursday 18 June. Rob Brown from Peppin Planners will join a panel of local farming families.

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

(16/06/15)
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

09/06/15 – 15/06/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Water Exchange has now closed.

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade....OML(week)..+100,150ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... OML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

09/06/15 – 15/06/15 Rain Evap
Finley 2.8mm 8.8mm
Tullakool..... 15.6mm 9.2mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,839 GL.....74 %
Hume.....892 GL.....30 %
Lake Victoria.....400 GL.....59 %
Menindee Lakes77 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....4,208 GL.....45 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 1,719 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 2,833 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 987 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 559 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,821 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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