

Talking Water

Tuesday 23 June 2015



Murray Irrigation

New CEO Michael Renehan

I would like to thank the Board and staff at Murray Irrigation for the warm welcome I have received. As Bruce Simpson communicated in the *Chairman's report* last Friday, one of my priorities will be to meet with shareholders and we are planning customer meetings to be held in August. Details will be communicated in an upcoming *Talking Water* so you can mark the date.

I look forward to understanding the current challenges that our clients are facing with regard to supply, pricing and quality. I am also keen to ensure that Murray Irrigation is positioned to meet these needs and I would like to see a higher level of engagement and involvement in the local community as a business leader. I hope you can attend a local meeting in August.

Appointments with Water Trade staff

Customers with permanent trade enquiries who wish to speak with a Water Trade Officer are asked to please book an appointment prior to attending the Deniliquin or Finley offices. Permanent trade services include current applications, new applications and document review requests.

Water Trade Officers require time to prepare for meetings to ensure that all necessary information is obtained prior and an efficient service is provided. Walk-in customers without a prior appointment will be asked to make one with the next available Water Trade Officer.

To avoid disappointment, particularly when travelling long distances, please ensure you have made an appointment in advance. Appointments can be made by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Yallakool Pilot survey

Murray Irrigation has contracted Helen Bartley of Bartley Consulting to conduct a telephone survey with customers in the Yallakool Pilot area. This work follows on from the earlier survey and will focus on customers' experience with the operation of the channel system this year with our Central Remote Control technology. The survey should only take 15 minutes to complete and answers will be confidential. For more information contact Catharine Heffernan, Communications Supervisor, 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.

Rainfall and river flows

Rainfall in the local area in June has already recorded above the long-term monthly average with more forecast for today, clearing tomorrow. At the same time, rainfall over the Hume Reservoir catchment area is on track to meet the monthly average if forecast falls are received this week. Streamflow responses into Hume Dam rose from 8,000ML/day to 10,000ML/day between last Tuesday 16 June to Friday 19 June, before receding to 9,000ML/day as of Monday 22 June. Dartmouth Dam storage has fallen to 73 percent capacity due to bulk water transfers to Hume Dam which is currently 30 percent, up from 25 percent in May.

West Berriquin Irrigators meeting

There has been a change of date for the West Berriquin Irrigators Inc. branch meeting, originally scheduled for next week. The meeting will now be held on **Monday 13 July** at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel in Deniliquin. Nibbles and drinks will be served from 6.30pm, with the meeting to start at 7.15pm. For details, contact West Berriquin Irrigators' Chairperson Vicki Meyer on M. 0409 600 749.

Native game bird quotas

Native game bird quotas expire on 30 June. Both the state-wide and individual property native game bird quota allocations are assessed each year, even if a Native Game Bird Management Licence has been issued for more than one year. For full details, visit: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/hunting-native-game-birds/information-for-landholders, or call the Native Game Bird Support Team on T. 02 6363 7663 or T. 03 5874 2983.

Michael Renehan
CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(23/06/15)
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

16/06/15 – 22/06/15

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

16/06/15 – 22/06/15 Rain Evap
Finley 20.2mm 6.8mm
Tullakool..... 17.8mm 7.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,834 GL.....73 %
Hume.....950 GL.....32 %
Lake Victoria.....432 GL.....64 %
Menindee Lakes79 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....4,295 GL.....46 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 3,583 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,292 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 6,975 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 549 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.**