

Talking Water

Tuesday 7 July 2015



Murray Irrigation

Water allocation announcements

The NSW Office of Water announced on Wednesday last week a zero percent commencing allocation for general security in the NSW Murray. As a result, Murray Irrigation has announced zero percent allocation for general security (Class C) entitlement customers.

Available water determinations for NSW licenced water users will be announced centrally on the NSW Office of Water website this season. The announcements will be loaded onto the 'media release' page of the NOW website:

www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases. The water allocation announcements will be available from 5.30am on the 1st and 15th of every month (or the next business day if the 1st or 15th falls on a weekend).

Murray Irrigation will still send its allocation announcements to customers as normal. A further resource availability outlook will be made on Monday 17 August 2015. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Regional starting allocation round up

At the start of the water year, the following opening allocation announcements apply for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	35 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	Eight percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	42 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	Zero percent

Please note: trade to and from the regulated Lower Darling valley remains suspended while Menindee Lakes are low.

Water Exchange 2015/16 opening

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange re-opened on Wednesday 1 July. External and internal transfers have also commenced. Updated Exchange application forms are available on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Forms' then 'Water exchange forms' or 'Annual transfers' depending on the application

required. For more information contact Water Trade via reception on T. 1300 138 265 or E. wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Fourth quarter accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts for 2014/15 were sent to customers last week. Payment is due by 5.00pm Friday 28 August. The invoice date on these accounts is 30 June 2015, as the invoice relates to the 2014/15 financial year. Customers are reminded that the **10 percent discount for on-time payments** is still applicable for this billing period. To be eligible for the discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by 28 August. The discount will be reduced to five percent from the first quarter of the 2015/16 irrigation season. If you are having difficulty paying your account, please contact our Finance department, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Account payment methods

Customers are reminded that the approved method of payment for quarterly account purchases are cheque (hand delivered to the Deniliquin or Finley office), B-Pay, direct debit or credit card. Murray Irrigation will no longer accept cash payments. Customers paying with cash will be asked to deposit the money via their financial institution directly into Murray Irrigation's nominated bank account or make payment by approved methods.

Murray-Darling Basin meeting

Irrigators, regional businesses and community members are urged to attend a public meeting at the Barham Services Club from 1.00pm tomorrow, 8 July. The meeting has been organised so that Southern Basin communities (Vic/NSW) can speak directly with the largest number of politicians ever to assemble in Barham. Five of the eight Senate Cross Benchers, along with several other key Federal politician/advisors will be in attendance. For more information, email sri.deni@bigpond.com.

West Berriquin Irrigators meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators Inc. is holding a branch meeting next **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.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(07/07/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 142 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 914 ML
Price Range \$200 - \$482
Buy Offer..... \$140
Yesterday's Sales..... 0 ML
Price Range N/A
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

30/06/15 – 06/07/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 69ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 69ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....0ML(week).....0ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

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

Rainfall and evaporation

30/06/15 – 06/07/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.4mm 6.5mm
Tullakool..... 1.6mm 8.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,802 GL.....73 %
Hume.....996 GL.....33 %
Lake Victoria.....451 GL.....67 %
Menindee Lakes86 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....4,335 GL.....47 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,252 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 4,961 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,324 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,517 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,748 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 8 gates open

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