

# Talking Water

Tuesday 14 July 2015



Murray Irrigation

## PIIOP consultation

PIIOP outlet consultation has commenced in the Deniboota area of operation (Divisions 14 and 15), south of Deniliquin. Consultation will initially focus on customers that have a history of irrigation use to prioritise outlets available for the construction program.

Murray Irrigation consultation staff will be contacting customers to make appointments. This is an opportunity for customers to consider how they connect to our irrigation supply infrastructure.

For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Allocation announcement tomorrow

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due tomorrow, Wednesday 15 July. This information will be passed on to customers as early as possible. The announcement can also be found here: [www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases).

## Updating communication settings

Customers are reminded that they can adjust their communication settings via their *Water ordering* account. This includes updating preferences to receive *Talking Water*, our monthly *Chairman's reports* and Allocation announcements via email or fax. To do so, login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'.

You can also choose to receive company announcements via SMS. Please ensure the mobile number you have registered is accurate and up-to-date.

For assistance, customers can contact Water Trade, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Lake Mulwala on the rise

The MDBA reports that Lake Mulwala water levels will be rising over the next four weeks. Off-season structural works and weed management have now been completed.

It is expected that the lake will be back to the normal operating height by early August, ready for the 2015/16 irrigation season. For full details, visit: [www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/current-information-forecasts](http://www.mdba.gov.au/river-data/current-information-forecasts).

## Water trade workshop

Rice Extension and the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) are hosting a water trade workshop at the Deniliquin RSL Club on Thursday 23 July. It will be held from 9.00am to 12.00pm. The workshop will cover options for trading water in the 2015/16 irrigation season. RSVPs are essential.

Contact RGA Environmental Projects Manager Neil Bull on M. 0428 603 557.

## Grain research update

The Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC) is holding grain research update meetings in Moama and Griffith later this month. The first will be held at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club from 8.00am on Wednesday 29 July, followed by another update meeting at Moama Bowling Club from 10.00am on Thursday 30 July.

For details, visit: [www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au).

## Young farmers tour

Southern Growers is organising a three day tour to the Murrumbidgee Valley next month. The tour will be held from 3 August to 5 August and is specifically designed for young farmers to look at a diverse and productive range of farm enterprises.

For further information, or to reserve a seat, contact Southern Growers Farm Systems Committee Chair, Phil Snowden, on M. 0427 839 217.

## Irrigation technology update

Southern Growers is hosting an irrigation technology update on Thursday 13 August. The event will be held from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Finley Showgrounds. The day will focus on the latest technology in soil moisture monitoring, surface and spray irrigation technology and automation of irrigation for your farm business. Entry to the event is free.

For more information, contact Southern Growers Executive Officer, Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

**Michael Renehan**  
CEO

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(14/07/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 145 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 909 ML  
Price Range ..... \$240 - \$482  
Buy Offer..... \$160  
Yesterday's Sales..... 11 ML  
Price Range ..... \$240  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

07/07/15 – 13/07/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....3; 255ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 255ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

## Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....-129ML(week).....-129ML(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

07/07/15 – 13/07/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 9.8mm ..... 9.6mm  
Tullakool..... 9.2mm ..... 9.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,791 GL.....72 %  
Hume.....1,027 GL.....34 %  
Lake Victoria.....451 GL.....67 %  
Menindee Lakes .....39 GL.....2 %  
Active Storage.....4,308 GL.....46 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 6,226 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 5,541 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 683 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,137 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 9,132 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

**Our 'On The Land' radio program is currently on hold until the end of July.**