

Talking Water

Tuesday 25 August 2015



Murray Irrigation

Director vacancies

Nominations have been called to fill three Shareholder Director vacancies on the Board of Murray Irrigation Limited. The vacancies arise from the Company Constitution requirement setting a term of office of four years by rotation. The Directors whose current term expires at the next Annual General Meeting are Michael Hughes, Roger Reynoldson and Mark Robertson.

The nomination process and postal ballot (if required) will be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). Nominations must be lodged with the AEC by 5.00pm AEST Tuesday 1 September 2015. Nominations received after this deadline shall not be considered. To obtain an Information Package, which includes a nomination form, contact Murray Irrigation Company Secretary Ross Mallett on T. 03 5898 3372.

New PIIOP office

A new temporary building (demountable) is currently being constructed on the eastern side of the Murray Irrigation main office to house the PIIOP team. Staff are expected to move into the temporary building early in September. The new arrangements are more cost effective and better integrates PIIOP with the mainstream operations of Murray Irrigation to ensure efficient roll-out of the project over the next two years.

June quarter accounts due Friday

Murray Irrigation June quarter accounts are due by 5.00pm this Friday 28 August. To be eligible for customer discounts, all outstanding fees must be paid by this date. Murray Irrigation accepts all payment options listed on your invoice, including cheque or bank deposit, but does not accept cash. Enquiries are to be made to accounts receivable via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Outlet upgrade PIIOP lunch

Customers in the Wakool area are invited to attend a workshop about the PIIOP program this Friday 28 August at the Wakool Services Club. The workshop starts at 12.30pm with a BBQ lunch, followed by a presentation. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round 5 workshops

Murray Irrigation is holding information workshops for applicants involved in the

Round 5 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. The workshops will explain requirements for the Stage 2 Application. Dates and venues are as follows:

- Wednesday 2 September – Wakool Services Club;
- Thursday 3 September – Deniliquin Coach House;
- Friday 4 September – Finley Bowling Club.

All workshops start at 10.00am and finish at 1.00pm. For more information please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

The DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due next Tuesday 1 September.

Rice pre-season meetings

Rice Extension invites all rice growers to attend one of three rice pre-season meetings this week:

- **Today**, Tuesday 25 August, 5.30pm, Finley RS Club;
- Wednesday 26 August, 7.30am, Deniliquin RSL Club;
- Wednesday 26 August, 12.30pm, Wakool Services Club.

All meetings include food and drinks at the commencement of the meeting. Please RSVP to Gae Plunkett on M. 0419 790 019.

Submission writing workshop

Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) and West Berriquin Irrigators will hold a workshop on submission writing at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel on Monday 31 August from 7.00pm. People are encouraged to prepare submissions to the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan which are due by Friday 25 September. For more information or to RSVP, please contact SRI at sri.deni@bigpond.com or Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

Edward-Wakool Fish Forum

The 2015 Edward-Wakool Fish Forum will be held at the Wakool Football Ground from 6.00pm on Friday 4 September. The evening includes presentations on Murray crayfish, carp control and research and is an opportunity to share information about native and pest fish projects in the Edward-Wakool system. For more information, contact Josh Campbell from Murray Local Land Services on T. 03 5880 1459.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(25/08/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 19 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 170 GL
On-Farm Usage 239 ML

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 9,492 ML
Price Range \$195 - \$550
Buy Offer..... \$180
Yesterday's Sales..... 629 ML
Price Range \$190 - \$197
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

18/08/15 – 24/08/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 14; 1,945ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 5; 1,795ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 150ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade..... 379ML(week)... 35,295ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	835	10,000
Wakool Canal	166	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

18/08/15 – 24/08/15 Rain Evap
Finley 8.1mm 12.5mm
Tullakool..... 0.2mm 17.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth..... N/A..... N/A
Hume..... 1,358 GL..... 45 %
Lake Victoria..... 462 GL..... 68 %
Menindee Lakes 11 GL..... 1 %
Active Storage..... N/A..... N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 10,135 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 12,025 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,063 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,540 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,042 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 5 gates open