



Maintaining positive water balances

A reminder that customers are responsible for monitoring water usage and maintaining a positive balance in water accounts. When an account reaches a zero balance, all outlets will be finished by Murray Irrigation, and a four-day wait for start orders may apply once the account is returned to a positive water balance.

Due to the current low allocation, customers should be mindful of their account balance and ensure water is purchased or transferred to the account. Once an outlet has been finished due to a zero allocation account balance, the landholding will be placed on 'stop supply'.

Murray Irrigation staff will attempt to contact customers whose allocation accounts are approaching a zero water balance, advising them of their status. Customers can also nominate to receive SMS or email notifications that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance.

For more information, or assistance, contact a Network Controller, via reception on T. 1300 138 265, or view the company's *Season Operating Plan*, which can be accessed via the 'Water' then 'Operating plan' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Allocation announcement

The DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due next Tuesday 15 September. This information will be passed on to Murray Irrigation customers as early as possible that day.

Deemed usage

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2015/16 season. Applications must be received by Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm this Friday 11 September. Applications must be made in writing on a Form WM1 available from the 'Customers' then 'forms' and 'general forms' section of the Murray Irrigation website, or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Customer accounts

Customers are advised that all accounts with an outstanding balance relating to the 2014/15 season are now out of terms and will be placed on 'stop supply' this week until the balance is settled in full.

For account enquiries, please contact our Accounts Receivable Officer, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

State storage shares

Under the Murray Darling Agreement, the MDBA is responsible for sharing the waters of the Murray between states. The general principle is that NSW and Victoria each get 50 percent of storage space and all of the tributary flows originating from that state. They must also each provide 50 percent of the required entitlement flows to South Australia. However, due to the different allocation practices in each state, the actual volume held in storage by each state can differ significantly.

According to the state storage share information, published by the MDBA (in arrears) as at the end of July 2015, Victoria held approximately 750GL more in storage than NSW. Therefore, while MDB active storage is currently 52 percent, more of that water is in Victorian than NSW accounts for allocation. The MDBA have no influence over how NSW allocates that water.

Winter rainfall summary

The MDBA has reported that rainfall deciles for winter show that dry conditions have prevailed across the headwaters of Victorian and upper Murray tributaries. River Murray system inflows for winter totalled around 1,330GL compared to the long-term average of 3,580GL. This puts winter 2015 in the lowest 18 percent of winters on record (82 percent annual exceedance probability).

West Berriquin Irrigators AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators Inc. is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Sportsman's Arm Hotel in Deniliquin on Monday 21 September. The night will start with nibbles and drinks from 6.30pm with the AGM to begin at approximately 7.15pm. For more information, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

Agriculture TAFE course

Riverina Institute of TAFE is offering a Diploma of Agriculture, tailored for young people involved in agriculture in the Murray Irrigation area. While the course has already started, it's not too late to enroll. For full details, contact Roseanne Farrant on T. 03 5882 2048.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(08/09/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 19 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 160 GL
On-Farm Usage 4,334 ML

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 5,146 ML
Price Range \$192 - \$650
Buy Offer..... \$180
Yesterday's Sales..... 277 ML
Price Range \$192 - \$194
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

01/09/15 – 07/09/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 12; 2,028ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 5; 410ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 1,618ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade....2,403ML(week)...32,925ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	600	10,000
Wakool Canal	212	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

01/09/15 – 07/09/15 Rain Evap
Finley 10.5mm 16.3mm
Tullakool..... 21.0mm 16.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,620 GL.....68 %
Hume.....1,493 GL.....50 %
Lake Victoria.....532 GL.....79 %
Menindee Lakes10 GL.....1 %
Active Storage.....4,655 GL.....50 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 11,301 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 13,011 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,085 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,890 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,040 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open