



SAFETY FIRST

Swimming in channels

Murray Irrigation reminds people that irrigation channels are not safe places to swim or play. Channel levels and regulator gates can change suddenly, without warning. Submerged objects (e.g. rocks and debris) can be hidden below the surface and also present dangers to swimmers. To ensure your safety, avoid swimming in irrigation channels.

Allocation announcement

DPI Water today announced a general security allocation of **four percent** of entitlement. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is **four percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement customers. The DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Allocation calculation

The DPI Water calculates the amount of water available for allocation based on rules in the Water Sharing Plan (WSP) which prioritise according to class of entitlement. There is a summary of the WSP on the Murray Irrigation website click on 'Customers' then 'Customer information', 'Water resource information' and 'Storage and sharing'.

Plan ahead when ordering water

Customers are reminded providing four days' notice for water orders is increasingly important as demand increases. When placing orders, if there is limited capacity available on the channel, the *Water ordering* system will prompt customers to accept an alternative date or flow rate. If this alternative is unacceptable, customers should select 'reject' and then 'continue' to submit the order as an 'unsatisfied' order. A Murray Irrigation Network Controller will contact you with further information and options. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Postal ballot for Director vacancies

Murray Irrigation announced an election to fill three Board vacancies, which arise by scheduled rotation. The candidates are:

- Mark Robertson;
- Roger Reynoldson;
- John Bradford;
- Christopher Brooks; and
- Gary Hare

Ballot papers must be completed in accordance with ballot paper instructions and be received by the Australian Electoral Commission by 5.00pm Friday 9 October 2015. Enquiries (including replacement ballot papers) should be directed to the AEC returning officer, Ben Murray on T. 03 9285 7129.

Senate Inquiry

The Senate Committee inquiring into the impacts of the Basin Plan is calling for submissions due by 25 September. Submissions should explain issues with the Plan and recommendations where possible. For information go to http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Murray_Darling_Basin_Plan.

Cap on buyback

Legislation to cap Government buyback of water entitlements at 1,500GL equivalent passed the Parliament yesterday. The legislation was advocated for the irrigation industry as just one measure to try to minimise the negative impacts of the Basin Plan.

Sussan Ley meeting

Murray Irrigation met with Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley last week to discuss options to make more water available and delivered through Murray Irrigation infrastructure. Ms Ley gave an undertaking to facilitate meetings with the Environment Minister and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

Varying spring flows

The MDBA have advised that the Murray River will experience varying flows during spring; however flows will remain below 25,000ML/day at Doctors' Point and below 15,000ML/day downstream of Yarrowonga Weir. For details, visit: www.mdba.gov.au.

Wakool Landholders AGM

Wakool Landholders Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Club from 7.00pm on Wednesday 23 September. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. For more information, contact Dave May on M. 0427 539 248.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 4 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(15/09/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....21 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 180 GL
On-Farm Usage 4,683 ML

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 3,348 ML
Price Range \$208 - \$500
Buy Offer..... \$185
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,820 ML
Price Range \$194 - \$198
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

08/09/15 – 14/09/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....27; 3,168ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 15; 1,944ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 1,224ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade....3,679ML(week)...36,404ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,466	10,000
Wakool Canal	465	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

08/09/15 – 14/09/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.2mm 20.7mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 25.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,597 GL.....67 %
Hume.....N/A.....N/A
Lake Victoria.....573 GL.....85 %
Menindee Lakes 103 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point N/A
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir N/A
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge926 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....N/A
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,870 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 17 gates open