

Talking Water

Tuesday 29 September 2015



Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Driving along channel banks

Customers are reminded that driving along channel banks should be conducted with caution. Drivers should be observant and drive to conditions. If you are unsure of track conditions please do a quick walk along the bank before you commit, as turning your vehicle around may not be possible. Please report any safety hazards to reception T. 1300 138 265.

Water efficiency allocation

The Board agreed last week to make a water efficiency allocation of three percent of permanent delivery entitlements, excluding Class A (Town Water Supply) and domestic supply agreement customers. For full details, see last Tuesday's *Chairman's report*, available via the link on the right hand side of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Allocation announcement

The DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due this Thursday 1 October. This information will be passed on to Murray Irrigation customers as early as possible that day.

Daylight savings this Sunday

Daylight savings starts this Sunday 4 October. If experiencing difficulties extending finish dates for water orders over the daylight savings period, customers are asked to contact a Murray Irrigation Network Controller, via 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.

Round 5 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

Eligible On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Round 5 applicants are reminded that the deadline to submit completed Stage 2 Applications to Murray Irrigation is 5.00pm Wednesday 7 October. Murray Irrigation Project Officers have also been in contact with these applicants which were granted in-principal approval from the Commonwealth in August 2015. For further information, please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Community Small Grants

The Murray Local Land Services' Communities in our Landscapes and Connection to Country Programs are seeking expressions of interest for the 2015/16 Murray Community Small Grants round.

For more information, including timelines, eligibility and documents visit: <http://murray.ils.nsw.gov.au/our-region/grants-and-funding> or call T. 02 6051 2200.

Grain storage field day

Southern Growers Inc. is hosting a field day in Finley from 3.30pm on Thursday 8 October. The field day will address changes in grain storage, grain storage treatments, sealed store and phosphine use, and aeration and its applications. Peter Botta will also be available to assist in developing a storage plan. For further information please contact Stephanie Chappell from Southern Growers on M. 0417 444 750.

Public holiday arrangements

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Monday 5 October for the NSW Labour Day public holiday. Murray Irrigation offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 6 October. The Water Exchange telephone and internet services will remain open with purchase invoices issued Tuesday 6 October. Water deliveries are not affected with Channel Attendants and Network Controllers working as normal. Next week's *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 7 October. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 4 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(29/09/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 20 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 168 GL
On-Farm Usage 47 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,514 ML
Price Range \$224 - \$500
Buy Offer..... \$200
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,246 ML
Price Range \$200 - \$225
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

22/09/15 – 28/09/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....37; 3,879ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 650ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 45; 3,776ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 5; 753ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....-342ML(week)...39,432ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 32 GL (78% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,858	10,000
Wakool Canal	627	2,350
Escape flows	100	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

22/09/15 – 28/09/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 27.4mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 30.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,534 GL.....66 %
Hume.....1,483 GL.....49 %
Lake Victoria.....625 GL.....92 %
Menindee Lakes102 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,744 GL.....51 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 17,059 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 12,547 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge784 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,081 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 10,115 ML/d
Murray to the Sea N/A