

TalkingWater

Tuesday 13 October 2015



Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Lightning warning

As we head into the warmer months, customers are urged to be cautious while working during lightning and thunderstorms. In Australia, lightning accounts for five to 10 deaths and well over 100 injuries annually. Those at higher risk of lightning strike are construction and farm workers. Plan ahead when storms are forecast and try not to remain outdoors during lightning storms.

Shareholder Directors elected

Chris Brooks, John Bradford and Mark Robertson have been elected to the Murray Irrigation Board of Directors following the declaration of the postal ballot by the Australian Electoral Commission. Current Director Roger Reynoldson was not re-elected and candidate Gary Hare was not elected.

The appointment of the three Directors will be confirmed at the 2015 Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 19 November at 7.00pm at the Deniliquin RSL Club. The term of the appointments will be until the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Management Team BBQ today

Murray Irrigation's Management Team invites customers to join them for a barbecue near Tocumwal this afternoon. The barbecue will be held at Ted and Fran Hatty's property 'Wondilibi' on Thorburn Rd, Tocumwal from 12.30pm today. All customers are welcome to attend and meet Murray Irrigation's Management Team.

Allocation announcement

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

Customers are reminded that information about allocations and water resource sharing (with relevant links) can be found on Murray Irrigation's website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers', then 'Customer information' and 'Water resource information'.

Outlet construction

Customers are reminded that they will be placed on 'stop supply' while an outlet is being constructed on their property. There is generally a five business day construction window for the construction works to be completed, then a two day allowance for commissioning. The customer cannot order water through that particular outlet during this time.

Contractors will contact customers to determine the most appropriate time for construction of the outlet. Once a construction date has been agreed, it is then the customer's responsibility to plan their watering in preparation for this date. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

New PIOP office

Murray Irrigation's PIOP team has officially moved from its old address. PIOP staff are now located in the new demountable building next to the Murray Irrigation head office at 443 Charlotte Street, Deniliquin.

The new arrangement better integrates PIOP with the mainstream operations of Murray Irrigation, while also realising significant cost savings.

All visitors are to sign in through Deniliquin reception, as normal. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

September inflows summary

The MDBA has reported that River Murray system inflows for September (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) totalled around 490GL. This figure represents only around one third of the long-term monthly average for September of 1,625GL. River Murray system inflows for the last 12 months totalled around 3,130GL, which is the lowest three percent on record for this period.

Denibootea Landholders' AGM

Denibootea Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Caldwell Hall from 7.00pm on Monday 26 October. For more details, contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 6 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(13/10/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 158 GL
On-Farm Usage 90 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 6,319 ML
Price Range \$278 - \$800
Buy Offer..... \$203
Yesterday's Sales..... 189 ML
Price Range \$278 - \$279
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

06/10/15 - 12/10/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....27; 3,638ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 302ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 37; 3,491ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 449ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....629ML(week).....42,624ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 13 GL (75% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

| | Actual | Capacity |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Mulwala Canal | 3,265 | 10,000 |
| Wakool Canal | 525 | 2,350 |
| Escape flows | 1,000 | 3,250 |

Rainfall and evaporation

06/10/15 - 12/10/15 Rain Evap
Finley 3.2mm 47.6mm
Tullakool..... 1.4mm 52.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,477 GL.....64 %
Hume.....1,389 GL.....46 %
Lake Victoria.....569 GL.....84 %
Menindee Lakes97 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,532 GL.....49 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 17,244 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 13,218 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge6,584 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,387 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 10,589 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open