

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 20 October 2015



Murray Irrigation

## SAFETY FIRST

### Plan ahead when travelling

If you're planning a long distance trip in a vehicle, it's important to plan ahead. Tell your friends, family, or co-workers where you're going, the route you're taking and when you plan to arrive. Get information in advance on the upcoming weather and how it might affect road conditions and travel time. On the road, if your vehicle becomes disabled, stay with it. Use a cell phone to call for help, or use a GPS to provide your location.

### Allocation announcement

DPI Water announced on Thursday a **six percent** increase in general security entitlements allocation. This improvement is due to early spring thaw and an internal spill in favour of NSW in Lake Victoria. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation is **12 percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. The DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

### First quarter accounts

Customers are reminded that with the upcoming distribution of first quarter invoices at the end of this month, Murray Irrigation's new debt management procedure will be implemented. Customers should note that the discount for on-time payments is now five percent. However, government charges and the portion of the Delivery Entitlement fee that applies to the AMRR fund do not attract this discount. For further enquires, contact our Accounts Receivable Officer via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### 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. 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](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

### Survey of irrigators

The University of Adelaide is conducting a survey into mental health issues amongst irrigators in the Murray Darling Basin. The survey will target irrigators in the Murray, Goulburn, Riverina and South Australian Riverland areas in an attempt to gather knowledge about farm exit, stress and mental health to try to better understand how policies can be designed to reduce stress. To register for potential inclusion in the survey, contact Associate Professor Sarah Wheeler via email: [sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au), or visit: [www.adelaide.edu.au/news/news81122.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/news/news81122.html).

### Irrigated wheat field days

Southern Growers and John Lacy Consulting are holding two field days to demonstrate new wheat varieties, irrigation slides and the effects of sowing date and nitrogen timing on wheat varieties. The field days will be held on Wednesday 28 October. The first from 9.00am at Harry Kooloos' property on Jarratt Road (north side of Mayrung Rd), followed by the second field day from 2.00pm at Warren and Allison Lang's property on Plumpton Rd, Finley. A BBQ and refreshments will follow. For further information, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

### Deniboota Landholders' AGM

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

### Southern Riverina Irrigators AGM

Southern Riverina Irrigators are holding their Annual General Meeting from 7.00pm on Thursday 29 October at the Coach House Hotel Motel, 99 End Street Deniliquin. The AGM will be followed by a general meeting. For more information, contact John Bradford on M. 0428 826 237.

Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 12 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 3 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(20/10/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....23 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 196 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 102 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 6,976 ML  
Price Range ..... \$270 - \$1,000  
Buy Offer..... \$260  
Yesterday's Sales..... 908 ML  
Price Range ..... \$250 - \$270  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

13/10/15 - 19/10/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....14; 2,831ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....4; 2,174ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 56; 4,891ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 114ML

### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-3,128ML(week)...39,496ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 12 GL (67% on winter crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,924	10,000
Wakool Canal	318	2,350
Escape flows	810	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

13/10/15 - 19/10/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm .... 44.4mm  
Tullakool..... 3.2mm .... 46.3mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,433 GL.....63 %  
Hume.....1,359 GL.....45 %  
Lake Victoria.....540 GL.....80 %  
Menindee Lakes .....93 GL.....5 %  
Active Storage.....4,425 GL.....48 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 17,059 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 13,960 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ....5,053 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... N/A  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 9,832 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 5 gates open