

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 27 October 2015



Murray Irrigation

## SAFETY FIRST

### Using chemicals on-farm

Many agricultural chemicals can have short and long-term health effects if not managed safely. Customers should try to substitute hazardous chemicals for safer alternatives wherever possible. Read your up-to-date safety data sheets and labels, which will tell you all about the chemicals you are working with, as well as how to store and handle them safely. Always wear the right protective gear and consider other workers or family who might be exposed.

### Sale of environmental water

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder has decided to sell 20GL of temporary water (regulated allocations) held in the Goulburn river catchment, using a competitive tender process. The tender is open to allocation entitlement holders across the southern Murray-Darling Basin where allocation sold from the Goulburn catchment can currently be traded within State trading rules. The tender opened at 10.00am yesterday and **closes at 3.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 28 October 2015 (AEDT)**. For more information visit: [www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/trade/current-trading-actions](http://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/trade/current-trading-actions).

### 2015 Annual Report and AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2015 Annual Report is now available to access online. Visit [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) and click on 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'. Here you will find our latest Annual Report, as well as an archive of previous reports. The company's Annual Compliance Reports (including the current 2014/15 report) are also accessible via this section.

Murray Irrigation's **2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on Thursday 19 November at the Deniliquin RSL Club, End Street, Deniliquin. Registrations from 6.00pm. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Next allocation announcement

DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due next Monday 2 November. This information will be passed on to Murray Irrigation customers as early as possible that day.

### Women in Water seminar

The inaugural Women in Water night out will be held from 5.30pm on Wednesday 11 November at the Blighty Hall. Local ladies are invited to enjoy the informal, relaxed session to learn more about the water industry. Entry is free and includes sparkling wine and canapes, followed by dinner. For more information visit: [www.womeninwater.eventbrite.com](http://www.womeninwater.eventbrite.com).

### Inflows at 2002 levels

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority reports that flows into the river system are as low now as they were in 2002/03, and that the system is now having its fifth driest season on record. In 2002/03, NSW Murray general security allocations peaked at eight percent and temporary water trade prices ranged between \$100-\$350 per ML. Currently, allocations are 12 percent with trade prices achieving between \$130-\$280 per ML to date. With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting the current El Niño event to intensify, the MDBA is warning irrigators to manage risk for this year and next.

### Irrigated wheat field days

Southern Growers and John Lacy Consulting are holding two field days this week to demonstrate new wheat varieties. The field days will be held tomorrow, 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 Plumptions Rd, Finley. For further information, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

### Southern Riverina Irrigators AGM

Southern Riverina Irrigators are holding their Annual General Meeting from 7.00pm this 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.

### Office closures

Murray Irrigation's offices will be closed on Tuesday 3 November. Offices reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 4 November. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 4 November. Water deliveries will be uninterrupted with Network Controllers and Channel Attendants working as normal.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(27/10/15)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....22 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 188 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 112 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 5,345 ML  
Price Range ..... \$279 - \$1,000  
Buy Offer..... \$270  
Yesterday's Sales..... 282 ML  
Price Range ..... \$279 - \$282  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

20/10/15 – 26/10/15

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....15; 2,658ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....4; 2,282ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 57; 4,861ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 79ML

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

Net trade...-3,618ML(week)...35,878ML(YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....N/A

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,784	10,000
Wakool Canal	285	2,350
Escape flows	500	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

20/10/15 – 26/10/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 5.6mm ..... 43.2mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 51.5mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,386 GL.....62 %  
Hume.....1,348 GL.....45 %  
Lake Victoria.....536 GL.....79 %  
Menindee Lakes .....89 GL.....5 %  
Active Storage.....4,359 GL.....47 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,763 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 12,385 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .... 1,510 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,599 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 11,078 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 5 gates open