

TalkingWater

Tuesday 22 December 2015



Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Mental health awareness

Leading up to the holiday season, it is easy to get caught up in the excitement of spending time with friends and family and enjoying the festivities of the season. Unfortunately, this isn't the reality for many people and this time of year can make some feel more isolated and alone than at any other time. Try to remain aware of how your friends and family are feeling. If you suspect something is wrong, ask them if they are OK? This is often all that is needed for someone to reveal that they are struggling. Be aware of what assistance is available. Helpful programs include: MATES in Construction Helpline T. 1300 642 111; Lifeline T. 13 11 14; Men's Line T. 1300 78 99 78. If you, or someone you are with is in immediate danger call 000.

Allocation announcement

The next allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Friday 15 January 2016 (no 1 January allocation announcement is currently planned). Conditions are being constantly monitored and any significant changes in water availability or outlook will be promptly announced by DPI Water.

New safety section of website

Every employer and business is responsible for the health and safety of its workers. This includes employees, contractors, volunteers, visitors and anyone else who might be put at risk by working on your property or premises. To assist customers with accessing resources relevant to Work Health and Safety, Murray Irrigation has created a new 'Safety' section on its website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on the 'Customers' tab, then 'Safety'. Here you will find a series of links to external WH&S resources.

RGA tertiary scholarship

Applications are now open for the 2016 Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000) and Peter Connor Book Award (\$3,000). The eligibility criteria and application forms can be found on the RGA website: <http://www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx>.

The closing date for applications is Friday 15 January 2016. These scholarships are co-sponsored by RGA, SunRice and Rice Research Australia. For further information please contact RGA on T. 02 6953 0433 or E. rga@rga.org.au.

Edward-Wakool reference group

In early 2016, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office will be calling for nominations from individuals or organisations to participate in a newly formed Edward-Wakool Commonwealth Environmental Water Reference Group. This will provide an opportunity for the community to engage directly with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWH) on environmental watering activities and the five year monitoring project in the Edward-Wakool region.

For further information or to nominate for the reference group, contact Linda Duffy via E. linda.duffy@environment.gov.au.

Irrigators and water trade study

PhD candidate Caroline Love wants to speak to local irrigators about how they are engaging with water trade in Australia and to understand their information needs in this trading process. Ms Love wants to find out irrigators' experience and perspective on the process, why they do or do not trade and what information sources they use to support their trading decisions. She is keen to talk to irrigators of all ages and experiences. If you're interested in taking part, contact Caroline Love via E. clove@csu.edu.au or M. 0487 223 323.

Murray Irrigation Christmas closure

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from noon Thursday 24 December. Offices will re-open on a restricted basis from 8.30am Monday 4 January 2016, returning to full operations from Monday 18 January 2016. For full details on the company's operations during this period, see the special *Talking Water* released on Thursday 17 December, via our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265. The next edition of *Talking Water* will be issued on Tuesday 12 January 2016.

On behalf of everyone at Murray Irrigation, I wish all customers a merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 19 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(22/12/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 25 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 202 GL
On-Farm Usage 152 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 7,447 ML
Price Range \$260 - \$1,000
Buy Offer..... \$255
Yesterday's Sales..... 587 ML
Price Range \$250 - \$263
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

15/12/15 – 21/12/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 16; 1,852ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 500ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 29; 2,127ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 225ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade..... -279ML(week)... 38,516ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm..... 6.5 GL (12% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,171	10,000
Wakool Canal	345	2,350
Escape flows	1,947	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

15/12/15 – 21/12/15 Rain Evap
Finley 11.4mm 76.5mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 96.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth..... 2,050 GL..... 53 %
Hume..... 1,247 GL..... 41 %
Lake Victoria..... 536 GL..... 79 %
Menindee Lakes N/A..... N/A
Active Storage..... N/A..... N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,913 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,027 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 550 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,667 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,979 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open