

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 12 January 2016



Murray Irrigation

## SAFETY FIRST

### Swimming in channels

Murray Irrigation reminds people that irrigation channels are not safe places to swim or play. Channel levels and regulator gates can change suddenly, without warning. Submerged objects (e.g. rocks and debris) can be hidden below the surface and also present dangers to swimmers. To ensure your safety, avoid swimming in irrigation channels.

### Next allocation announcement

DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due this Friday 15 January. Murray Irrigation will pass the announcement on to customers as early as possible that day.

Customers can also access this information, as well as details on Murrumbidgee allocations, via the 'media releases' section of the DPI website [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au).

### Net trade in

Low water allocations and associated higher temporary water prices have not restricted the movement of volume into the region to date. Every week, in the right hand column, *Talking Water* reports the weekly and yearly net trade position and currently shows a net trade of 36,259ML onto the Murray Irrigation licence this year.

### Stock and domestic pipes

Customers are reminded that all stock and domestic pipes are to be piped directly to a house supply, or to a dam - not via an open channel. The water must not be used for the irrigation of crops or pasture and is only to be used for stock water and domestic water supply. No portable pumps are to be used to fill dams or tanks without approval from Murray Irrigation's Distribution Supervisors. Estimated debit may apply to pumps found without approval. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Water ordering reminder

A reminder that customers should place their water orders well in advance to avoid a potential delay in water delivery. A minimum of four days' notice (day one is for orders received before 6.30am) is required in advance to guarantee delivery.

Orders are often delivered in less than four days as a result of other customers finishing, freeing up capacity in our system, but four days' notice is still strongly recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information, contact a Network Controller, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Positive water balance

Customers should ensure their landholdings have positive water balances. Customers can nominate to receive a notification via SMS or email that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance. Customers who have been sent a notification, or have been contacted previously may find that their outlets are switched off when a zero balance is reached. Once contacted by staff, customers need to transfer water or risk having their outlet switched off and then having to wait up to four days for it to restart.

If you have more than one landholding, it may be possible to merge your allocation accounts which removes the need to transfer water between landholdings to maintain a positive balance. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### RGA tertiary scholarships

Applications for the 2016 Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000) and Peter Connor Book Award (\$3,000) close this Friday 15 January. The eligibility criteria and application forms can be found on the RGA website: <http://www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx>.

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](mailto:rga@rga.org.au).

### Murray Irrigation offices open

Murray Irrigation's offices have re-opened on a restricted basis following the Christmas-New Year closure period. Our offices will return to full operations from next Monday 18 January. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

**Michael Renehan,**  
CEO

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(12/01/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....22 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 180 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 171 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 8,887 ML  
Price Range ..... \$249 - \$500  
Buy Offer..... \$245  
Yesterday's Sales..... 832 ML  
Price Range .....\$245 - \$253  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

05/01/16 – 11/01/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....19; 2,123ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 716ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 20; 2,813ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 26ML

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

Net trade...-1,602ML(week)...36,259ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
GL used on farm.....6 GL (9% on summer crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,191	10,000
Wakool Canal	231	2,350
Escape flows	1,945	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

05/01/16 – 11/01/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 61.6mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 73.6mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....1,912 GL..... 50 %  
Hume.....1,153 GL.....38 %  
Lake Victoria.....483 GL.....71 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... N/A.....N/A  
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 15,151 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 10,175 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....701 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,367 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 6,784 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open