

TalkingWater

Tuesday 24 May 2016



Murray Irrigation

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Blue-green algae update

The Murray Regional Algal Coordinating Committee (MRACC) advises that the blue-green algae warning has been removed between Lake Hume and Yarrowonga Weir. Warnings are still in place on the River Murray downstream of Yarrowonga Weir to the Lock 9. Recent rain and cooler weather has provided some relief.

For up to date information see: www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-quality/algal-information.

Murray Water Exchange closure

The Murray Water Exchange will close on Friday 3 June. Customers should review water allocation accounts to ensure they do not have greater than 50 percent of water entitlements remaining as volume on their account and that water usage will not exceed 120 percent of annual delivery entitlements (as this will incur Casual Usage fee). Water can be sold or purchased and annual delivery entitlements traded up until the close of the Water Exchange on Friday 3 June.

Internal annual transfers close at 5.00pm Friday 10 June - to allow balancing of water allocation accounts for volume and annual delivery entitlements prior to the close of season.

External Annual Trade

Customers are reminded that External trade forms (to or from Murray Irrigation – intervalley and intravalley) must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm this Friday 27 May**. For further information contact Murray Irrigation's Customer Support Team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Draining of system

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel draining out all escapes in preparation for winter maintenance and PIIOP works. Off-allocation deliveries are on an opportunistic basis only. Outlets still operating by Monday 6 June will be finished and final meter readings recorded. For operational information, contact your Channel Attendant; for all other enquiries, contact a Network Controller, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Snowy Advance update

Subject to the outcome of final negotiations, the Snowy Advance product has been fully subscribed. The majority of the volume available has been optioned by Murray Irrigation shareholders with the remainder being taken up by invited corporate partners. Government approval is still pending.

Third quarter accounts due Friday

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts are due by 5.00pm this Friday 27 May. To be eligible for the discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by this Friday. If you are having difficulty paying your account, contact our Finance department, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Surveying process to commence

Over the next eight weeks, Murray Irrigation will be using a fixed wing plane and a number of professionally operated drones to survey the condition of various infrastructure and major canals within the company's footprint. A map outlining the surveying areas, along with additional information, can be found via the 'Current activities' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Sale of Western Murray allocation

In the lead up to the end of the 2015/16 irrigation season, Western Murray Irrigation Limited is conducting a tender for the sale of its remaining allocation. The tender is now open and closes at midday this Thursday 26 May, with successful tenderers advised soon thereafter. Tender documents are available via email on enquiries@westernmurray.com.au or by calling WMI on T. 03 5027 4953.

Women in agriculture event

Southern Growers is hosting a ladies-only event at the Finley Recreation Centre from 9.15am (for a 9.30am start) this Friday 27 May. This is an opportunity for women to hear from speakers Lucinda Corrigan ('Rennylea') on her experience with succession planning, as well as Natalie Shepard and Sandra Martin (Universally Speaking) on how to communicate effectively with business partners.

Southern Growers would like to hear from women in the region about what their information and training needs are. For more information, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 23 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 6 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(24/05/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 12 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 101 GL
On-Farm Usage 336 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 3,869 ML
Price Range \$219 - \$300
Buy Offer \$202
Yesterday's Sales..... 206 ML
Price Range \$202 - \$219
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

17/05/16 – 23/05/16
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....8; 1,395ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....35; 1,154ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 241ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade...-535ML(week)... 13,689ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm.....N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	118	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

17/05/16 – 23/05/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....1,706 GL.....44 %
Hume.....683 GL.....23 %
Lake Victoria.....271 GL.....40 %
Menindee Lakes48 GL.....3 %
Active Storage.....2,708 GL.....29 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,830 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 3,947 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge856 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,257 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,144 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open