

Talking Water

Tuesday 27 September 2016



Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Avoid flood affected areas

A number of inland regions across New South Wales have been affected by recent flooding and there are several roads closed across the state. Motorists are advised to be aware of flood affected areas and are reminded not to drive through floodwater. Stay up to date with road conditions by visiting, www.livetraffic.com and check SES and Bureau of Meteorology websites for updated flood information.

Allocation update due Tuesday

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due next Tuesday 4 October. Murray Irrigation will pass this information on to customers as soon as possible Tuesday morning.

Off allocation water access extended

WaterNSW announced last week an extension to supplementary water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes until this Thursday 29 September.

Issues paper released

IPART have released an issues paper identifying the key points of the WNSW pricing application for 2017-2021. IPART are calling for public submissions on the issues paper and the WNSW pricing application by 17 October 2016. For more information, visit: www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Daylight savings this Sunday

Daylight savings starts this Sunday 2 October. Customers who experience difficulties extending finish dates for water orders over this period are asked to contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Monitor drain levels

Customers with access to Murray Irrigation drains are reminded to regularly monitor their drainage inlets, as levels can change rapidly in the current conditions. Customers are encouraged to operate drainage inlets accordingly. For further information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Monitoring flood levels

Murray Irrigation is monitoring flood levels across significant parts of the footprint. If water levels continue to rise in the Wakool

area, the Flood Gate Operation plan will be implemented.

Swimming in channels

Murray Irrigation reminds people that irrigation channels are not safe places to swim or play. Regulating structures can change suddenly, and cause fluctuations in channel levels 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.

Hume Dam inflows

The frequency of rain events has resulted in almost 1,000GL of inflow into the Hume Reservoir since the start of September. This large inflow resulted in a quick transition to flood operations at Hume Dam. Inflows peaked last week at about 64,000ML/day, while the release was limited to 52,000ML/day. Flows downstream of Yarrawonga Weir peaked at 87,000ML/day last week. With further rainfall forecast and catchments saturated, renewed inflows into Hume Dam are possible and increases to the release could again occur in coming weeks. Further details about flood management at Hume Dam are available here: <http://www.mdba.gov.au/>.

Landholder Association AGMs

Wakool Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Services Club at 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 28 September. Contact Dave May on M. 0427 539 248 or Kate Redfearn on M. 0417 112 162.

Denibootea Landholders' Association

Annual General Meeting will be held from 7.30pm at Caldwell Hall on Thursday 13 October. Contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Public holiday arrangements

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Monday 3 October for the NSW Labour Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 4 October. The Water Exchange telephone and internet services will remain open with purchase invoices issued Tuesday 4 October. Water deliveries will not be affected with Channel Attendants working as normal. Next week's *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 5 October. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 42 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(27/09/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 59 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 471 GL
On-Farm Usage 22 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 7,166 ML
Price Range \$71 - \$250
Buy Offer \$63
Yesterday's Sales..... 859 ML
Price \$65 - \$70

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

20/09/16 – 26/09/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....12; 3,118ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....18; 3,118ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-2,977ML(week)...-20,712ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....459ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	10	10,000
Wakool Canal	25	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

20/09/16 – 26/09/16 Rain Evap
Finley 36.9mm 18.5mm
Tullakool..... 4.8mm 19.2mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,480 GL.....64 %
Hume.....2,918 GL.....97 %
Lake Victoria.....532 GL.....79 %
Menindee Lakes323 GL.....19 %
Active Storage.....5,930 GL.....64 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 33,829 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 65,162 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .14,091 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 9,327 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 979 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 33,491 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 107 gates open

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