

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 July 2012



Murray Irrigation

Allocation announcements

Murray Irrigation has been advised that the next NSW Office of Water allocation announcement will be made on **Monday 16 July** and then on the 1st and 15th of each month (or next business day if date falls on a weekend), via media release, until full allocations are reached.

Murray Irrigation general security (Class C) entitlements holders have an opening allocation of 56 percent of water entitlements, while high security allocations commence at 97 percent of water entitlements.

Channel refilling

Murray Irrigation opened the Mulwala and Wakool offtakes for the 2012/13 season yesterday. Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals commenced using Supplementary water (which has significant benefits for the company) and is expected to be completed by Monday 23 July. Diversions to lateral channels are likely to commence on or around this date, subject to customer demand.

Customers requiring irrigation water should place an order on the Water Ordering Line **T. 1300 781 431**. For further information, or to discuss any requirements prior to Channel Attendants recommencing work on Monday 23 July, please contact your local Distribution Supervisor via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Shareholder Director casual vacancy

An election via postal ballot is being conducted to fill the shareholder director casual vacancy. The candidates are Bruce Simpson, James Sides and Ted Hatty. The ballot will close at **5.00pm Friday 3 August**, with a declaration of results to be made during the week of Monday 6 August. For further details, contact Australian Electoral Commission returning officer Mario Chindamo on T. 03 9285 7108.

Ministerial response to MDBA

The State Water Ministers' response to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on the revised Basin Plan was lodged late last night after extensive consultation. Federal Water Minister Tony Burke said this morning that there had been progress made to agree on an approach to get environmental outcomes and how to accredit outcomes that are achieved through methods other than buyback. The jurisdictions were all able to sign off on a document that would help the MDBA progress to the next stage, however, Minister Burke

admitted there was still further work to do. The Ministerial report is available on the Murray Irrigation website.

Price review of Rural Water Charges

As part of its review of the state's Rural Water Charging System, the NSW Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) held a public hearing in Sydney last week. Murray Irrigation gave a brief presentation at the hearing. To view the full transcript of the meeting, visit www.ipart.nsw.gov.au and click on 'Industries', then 'Water' and 'Reviews'. The final IPART report is due on 15 August.

State Water Customer Service Committees

State Water has announced the new appointments (four years) of members in each of its Customer Service Committees (CSCs). Murray Irrigation director Michael Hughes has been elected chair of the Murray Lower Darling CSC.

The purpose of the CSCs is to provide a forum for customer consultation on:

- water delivery strategies;
- asset management priorities;
- pricing strategies; and
- determining levels of service for water users within individual valleys.

To view the full list of CSCs and committee members, visit www.statewater.com.au and click on the 'Customer Service' section.

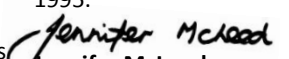
Report on matters relating to Basin Plan

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia (Windsor Committee) has released a report on matters relating to the Basin Plan. Irrigator groups and community representatives have welcomed the report released on Friday.

A link to the full report, as well as a response from the Murray Group of Concerned Communities is available on the Murray Irrigation website.

June rainfall

Conditions were very dry across the NSW Riverina during June, including a small pocket with rainfall that was lowest on record. June inflows to the River Murray system (excluding Darling River and Snowy inflows) totalled approximately 830GL. This is slightly above the long-term average of approximately 700GL and was the highest June system inflow since 1995.


Jennifer McLeod
Acting General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	56 %
Class B High Security	97 %
Class A Town Water	97 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	0 %

Water availability & usage

(10/07/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	93%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	872 GL
On-Farm Usage	0 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	1,720 ML
Price Range	\$25 - \$40
Buy Offer	\$20
Last 10 Sales	2,251 ML
Price Range	\$11 - \$28
To buy water call 1300 781 431	

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	500 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	200 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

26/06/12 – 10/07/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	1.1mm	17.6mm
Tullakool	0.8mm	18.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,375 GL	88 %
Hume	2,911 GL	97 %
Lake Victoria	480 GL	70 %
Menindee Lakes	1,928 GL	111 %
Active Storage	8,694 GL	94 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	9,693 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	1,090 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	16,475 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	19,590 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	14,265 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	9,920 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	3,080 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	2,177 ML/d
Flow to SA	23,307 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.71 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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