

TalkingWater

Tuesday 17 July 2012



Murray Irrigation

Full allocation for general security water

Murray Irrigation yesterday announced an increase for general security (Class C) water entitlements holders to 100 percent of entitlement. Inflows into Murray Valley storages over July, combined with the high levels of carryover have enabled this increase early in the season.

A copy of the official NSW Office of Water allocation announcement is available on the Murray Irrigation website. Click on 'Water Supply' in the left hand menu and then 'Water Resource Updates'.

Water Market and Charge Rules amendments

The Commonwealth Government has announced amendments to the *Water Market Rules 2009* and *Water Charge (Termination Fees) Rules 2009*. These rules cover the two topics of transformation of water entitlements and collection of termination fees. The amendments are minor and not expected to have any impact on Murray Irrigation's processes or implications for customers.

PIIOP tax advice and update

Commonwealth Treasury has released the draft tax legislation which gives effect to an earlier commitment to reduce the tax burden of projects such as PIIOP on Murray Irrigation. We are currently seeking professional advice, but the legislation appears to deliver the taxation assurances and relief Murray Irrigation was seeking. We are currently in the final stages of negotiating the funding agreement (which includes both Retirement and Reconfiguration projects). With the latest tax advice, we expect to have news on the execution of the agreement in coming weeks.

Payment for Water Exchange purchases

Customers are reminded that payments for purchases from Murray Irrigation's Exchange are due on the next business day after the purchase is made. If making your payment by direct deposit, please ensure the account number shown on your invoice is provided as a reference (this is **different** to your water account). If making payment by B-Pay, please ensure the correct reference number is used (B-Pay reference numbers are **different on every invoice**).

Invoices are sent by fax or email soon after purchases are made; please ensure your fax machine is operational and loaded with paper. If you do not receive an invoice for your purchase please contact reception on

T. 03 5898 3300. Failure to use correct reference numbers may result in your payment not being applied to your account.

Channel refilling

Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals continues using Supplementary water 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 starting Monday 6 August. For further details, contact Australian Electoral Commission returning officer Mario Chindamo on T. 03 9285 7108.

Review of rice vesting

NSW Trade and Investment is conducting a review of rice vesting in the Rice Marketing Board in order to make recommendations for its renewal after 1 January 2013. An information paper has been released (available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au) and public submissions have been sought.

Submissions close on 30 July 2012. A public meeting to further explain the focus of the review and the issues being considered will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 July.

Grains Research update

Grains Research & Development Corporation is holding a Grains Research Update at the Moama Bowling Club next month. The event will be held from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Thursday 2 August. Registration starts at 8.15am and lunch is provided. The day will include presentations from various guest speakers. For more information, or to register, visit www.orm.com.au or call T. 03 5441 6176.

Jennifer McLeod
Acting General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	0 %

Water availability & usage

(17/07/12)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements110%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 1,021 GL
On-Farm Usage..... 0 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage..... 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale3,860 ML
Price Range \$25 - \$40
Buy Offer \$20
Last 10 Sales1,826 ML
Price Range \$20 - \$28
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 1000 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 100 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows..... 1100 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

03/07/12 – 17/07/12 Rain Evap
Finley 29.7mm 19.1mm
Tullakool 6.0mm 19.2mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,422 GL.....89 %
Hume.....2,932 GL.....98 %
Lake Victoria.....474 GL.....70 %
Menindee Lakes1,957 GL.....113 %
Active Storage.....8,785 GL.....95 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 20,063 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo 3,428 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 35,175 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 39,262 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge... 18,186 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 10,091 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 3,097 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 2,150 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 30,541 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.80 m
Murray to the Sea N/A

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
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