



Water efficiency allocation

Murray Irrigation's Board of Directors last week agreed to a water efficiency allocation of **three** percent of permanent delivery entitlements, excluding Class A (town water supply).

Channel refilling

Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals is now almost complete, and refilling of the lateral channel systems commenced yesterday.

Customers ordering water should provide as much notice as possible to enable staff to prioritise lateral channel refilling. For further information regarding channel refilling progress, please contact your Channel Attendant.

Muddied Waters documentary proposal

A number of shareholders have expressed concern with Murray Irrigation's decision not to support this proposal. Murray Irrigation's directors yesterday discussed this proposal and confirmed, at this point in time, not to pledge money to the proposal.

Murray Irrigation is to seek further information from the proposal's proponents. This additional information will assist Directors' future consideration of any investment in the proposal by Murray Irrigation.

If any shareholders are interested in seeking further information or pledging financial support towards this proposal, please contact Ken Jury via E. ken.jury@internode.on.net, or T. 08 8555 5049.

Policy changes

Murray Irrigation's Board of Directors has approved changes to the following policies:

- Water Distribution Rules Policy;
- Total Farm Water Balance Policy; and
- Ricegrowing Policy.

The updated policies will be available from our website on Wednesday 25 July. The changes to the policies are minor and are considered improvements.

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.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation final quarterly invoices for 2011/12 are currently being sent to customers. If you do not receive an invoice by the end of the week, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300. Accounts are due by 5.00pm Friday 17 August. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

High river inflows

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority reports that persistent rain this month has resulted in flows building further across the upper Murray system. Release from Hume Reservoir reached 30,000ML/d last week and is currently being reduced as inflows recede. The level of Hume is currently being lowered to provide limited airspace for flood mitigation.

Downstream on the Edward River, flows at Toonalook were steady at around 6,200ML/d last week but will increase as higher flows arrive from upstream. Similarly, at Deniliquin, flows will rise this week with peak flows expected to exceed 10,000ML/d in late July.

Overbank flows have been entering the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest for over a week, and with the high flows past Torrumbarry Weir expected into August, forest outflows will increase and contribute to higher flows in the Wakool River over the coming weeks.

'Just add water' isn't enough

National Irrigators' Council CEO, Tom Chesson, has submitted an opinion piece on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The article was posted on the ABC's *The Drum* website last week and has attracted plenty of attention. As of this morning, the article had received 89 comments.

To view the full opinion piece and comments, visit: www.abc.net.au/unleashed/4135704.

All staff function and office closures

Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from noon this Friday 27 July for an all staff function. Offices will reopen from 8.30am Monday 30 July. Murray Irrigation apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	3 %

Water availability & usage

(24/07/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	113%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	1,053 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	6,275 ML
Price Range	\$24 - \$30
Buy Offer	\$21
Last 10 Sales	1,181 ML
Price Range	\$20 - \$24

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	1,300 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	250 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

10/07/12 – 24/07/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	29.7mm	18.5mm
Tullakool	6.2mm	18.2mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,468 GL	90 %
Hume	2,921 GL	97 %
Lake Victoria	458 GL	68 %
Menindee Lakes	1,963 GL	113 %
Active Storage	8,810 GL	95 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	12,197 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	2,156 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	22,367 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	51,047 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...	19,735 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald	10,426 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	3,066 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	1,675 ML/d
Flow to SA	34,556 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.82 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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