

Special Talking Water

Monday 25 June 2012



Murray Irrigation

Community Rally in Griffith

The Murray Group of Concerned Communities (MGCC) in conjunction with the Murrumbidgee Valley Stakeholders Group (MVSG) are coordinating a community rally about the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to be held on Wednesday 27 June, from 11.30am at Griffith Memorial Park on Banna Street.

The NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, is expected to attend the rally.

Murray Irrigation encourages our customer shareholders to attend this rally to show support for the NSW Government to continue to remain focussed on delivering a better outcome from the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

This rally is the last opportunity communities will have to show they are united in their opposition to the Basin Plan as it is currently drafted before the state Ministers hold their final face-to-face meeting this Friday 29 June, prior to the close of their consultation phase. The state Ministers must provide the Murray-Darling Basin Authority with a report on their position by Monday 9 July.

Murray Irrigation supports the NSW Government's submission on the draft Basin Plan, which we expect still underpins their current negotiating position at the state ministerial level. We believe strong attendance at this rally will show the NSW Minister that she is right to continue her strong push for balance in the final Basin Plan.

It is important that the Murray Valley region is strongly supported at this rally to ensure the issue is recognised as one that impacts the entire southern NSW, not just Murrumbidgee communities. Both our regions will be severely impacted by an unbalanced Basin Plan.

The MGCC have arranged buses to take people from our communities to Griffith. **Bookings are essential** and can be made by emailing mgcc.nsw@gmail.com, or calling Nathan Holahan on T. 03 5898 3343.

Depending on numbers, buses will be departing from:

Barham Post Office	7.00am
Wakool RSL Club	7.20am
Berrigan Shire Chambers	7.20am
Finley Bowls Club	7.45am
Deniliquin Waring Gardens (Harrison St)	7.45am
Jerilderie Shire Chambers	8.15am
Conargo Junction Store	8.15am

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