

Talking Water

Tuesday 8 May 2012



Murray Irrigation

Stewart Ellis resignation

Long serving Murray Irrigation Director Stewart Ellis last week announced his immediate resignation from the Board of Directors. The Board will announce the timelines and process for an election to fill the casual vacancy caused by Stewart's resignation as soon as possible after its meeting of Thursday 17 May.

End of irrigation season

Customers are reminded that Murray Irrigation expects to close its offtakes at the Mulwala and Wakool Canals next Monday 14 May.

Customers should ensure that they have sufficient stock and domestic water to meet their winter requirements prior to the commencement of channel draining operations. Water will not be held in channels during winter.

Customers who intend using off-allocation water must place a start order prior to 6.30am this Wednesday 9 May. If there is significant customer demand, based on water orders placed, Murray Irrigation will consider an extension at either or both offtakes. Any announcements will be made via *Talking Water* and may result in a reduced period of channel draining operations.

For more information on end of season arrangements, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Carryover

Customers are reminded that carryover capacity has been issued equivalent to 50 percent of Class C (General Security) water entitlements. Any unused water allocation up to this amount will be automatically carried over to the 2012/13 irrigation season. Please check account balances early and ensure that unused allocation at the end of May will be within carryover capacity for each individual landholding or account.

Customers are also encouraged to consider carrying over at least 10 percent of water entitlements to maximise water availability next season.

Close of Annual Trade

All annual trade, both the Murray Irrigation Exchange and private trade, will close at 5.00pm Thursday 31 May. This includes annual trade of delivery entitlements. Customers are encouraged to consider their water usage to the end of the season and ensure they have enough delivery entitlements to prevent

incurring the casual usage fee and carry out any annual trade of delivery entitlements necessary prior to 31 May.

External transfers to or from Murray Irrigation must be lodged with Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm Tuesday 29 May to allow processing before State Water's deadline.

Water availability and outlook

The NSW Office of Water released a water availability and outlook communique for the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Rivers last week. The six-page document features a water availability outlook for the 2012/13 season and also includes a rainfall, inflows and storage summary, and supplementary water access rules for the coming irrigation season (applicable to Murray Irrigation's bulk license).

The full document is available to view on the Murray Irrigation website.

West Berriquin landholders meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council landholders are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday 15 May at the Blighty Hotel. A number of topics will be discussed on the night. The meeting starts at 7.00pm and drinks and nibbles will be provided. For more information, contact James Sides on M. 0427 236 791.

CEWH discussion paper deadline looms

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) has released a discussion paper to canvas stakeholder views on issues associated with trade of the Commonwealth environmental water portfolio.

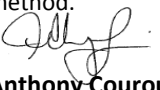
The deadline for submissions to the discussion paper is **this Friday 11 May**. To view the document, visit the Murray Irrigation website.

Accounts due

Murray Irrigation third quarter accounts are due by 5.00pm Friday 18 May. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

Customer details

Murray Irrigation customers must advise if they have changed their contact details by filling out a Change of Contact Details form. This is also to ensure they are receiving *Talking Water* and their accounts via their preferred method.


Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security100%
Class B High Security.....100%
Class A Town Water.....100%
Water Efficiency AllocationUp to 19%

Water availability & usage

(08/05/12)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements49%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 470 GL
On-Farm Usage..... 861 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 781 GL
Off-Allocation Usage..... 80 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale10,182 ML
Price Range \$8 - \$35
Buy Offer \$7
Last 10 Sales1,140 ML
Price Range \$5 - \$8
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 3,550 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 700 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows..... 1,280 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

24/04/12 - 08/05/12 Rain Evap
Finley 2.5mm 29.3mm
Tullakool 1.2mm 32.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,208 GL.....83 %
Hume.....2,621 GL.....87 %
Lake Victoria.....350 GL.....52 %
Menindee LakesN/A.....N/A
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic7,910 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 685 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point.....7,948 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir6,526 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge..... 6,812 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 19,391 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 11,362 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 19,935 ML/d
Flow to SA..... N/A
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.76 m
Murray to the Sea 224 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
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