

# Talking Water

Wednesday 11 April 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Basin Plan submissions

A reminder that submissions on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan **must** be received no later than **5.00pm Monday 16 April**. Information on how to complete a submission can be found on the Murray Irrigation website.

The NSW Irrigators' Council website also allows people to create simple Basin Plan submissions. Visit [www.nswic.org.au](http://www.nswic.org.au) where you will find, under the Basin Plan menu, a link called "Make a submission".

Alternatively, the Murray Group of Concerned Communities' Community Submission Centre will be open 10.00am to 2.00pm today, Friday and next Monday. The Submission Centre is situated at the junction of Cressy and End Streets, Deniliquin.

## Trading of delivery entitlements

In the two weeks prior to the cut-off for the January-March quarter invoices, almost 24,000 annual delivery entitlements were traded on Murray Irrigation's exchange (excluding private trades) for a weighted average price of \$6.26 each. This shows the opportunity presented to customers with unused delivery entitlements to generate income to contribute towards fixed fees, and for other customers to utilise extra delivery entitlements to avoid the casual usage fee.

## Closure of 2011-12 irrigation season

Murray Irrigation wishes to advise customers that in an attempt to maximise the potential for on-farm water use, it is considering an extension to the length of the irrigation season. It is highly likely that the Mulwala and Wakool offtakes will not be closed prior to Monday 14 May (at the earliest). If conditions remain dry, consideration will be given to further extensions of the closure date.

Further advice on closure dates and channel draining procedures, including the potential for opportunistic access to off-allocation water, will be issued in coming weeks.

## Carryover

Customers are reminded that carryover capacity has been issued equivalent to 50 percent of Class C water entitlements. Any used water allocation up to this amount will be automatically carried over to the 2012/13 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.

## New MILCast price list

Murray Irrigation will publish a new price list for MILCast products, effective Monday 16 April. Price increases have been largely driven by input cost increases. The new price list will be available from reception on T. 03 5898 3300 and on our website from Monday 16 April.

## NSW Office of Water information sessions

The NSW Office of Water is holding an information session in Deniliquin on Wednesday 18 April from 9.00am to 11.00am at the Deniliquin RSL Club. The session is to inform key stakeholders about the NSW Murray-Darling Basin Environmental Works and Measures Feasibility Project and provide advice and assistance to help people refine and submit their ideas for projects that may save water for the environment or achieve Basin Plan environmental objectives using less water by Friday 18 May 2012.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Lisa Warren on T. 02 4224 9741.

## Shallow Groundwater Water Sharing Plan

The NSW Office of Water has announced the commencement of the Lower Murray Shallow Groundwater Water Sharing Plan. The plan commenced on 1 April 2012. Information on the plan is available on the NSW Office of Water website, including a rules summary sheet for Lower Murray Shallow Groundwater water source and available water determinations.

## 100 Years of Water Management

Brian Dodd from the NSW Office of Water is in the process of compiling a history of the irrigation industry from an irrigators' perspective. Brian is looking primarily in the early part of last century up to the late 1990s. If you're interested in participating, Brian can be contacted by calling T. 02 6641 6592.

## Communication with channel attendants

As the end of the watering season draws near, we remind customers about the importance of communicating with channel attendants. If you're considering watering towards the end of the season, please let your channel attendant know so that Murray Irrigation can maintain supply and service levels.

**Anthony Couroupis**  
General Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security .....	100%
Class B High Security .....	100%
Class A Town Water .....	100%
Water Efficiency Allocation .....	Up to 18%

## Water availability & usage

(11/04/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	52%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	505 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	815 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	735 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	80 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	18,759 ML
Price Range .....	\$4-\$35
Buy Offer .....	N/A
Last 10 Sales .....	536 ML
Price Range .....	\$4

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	4,500 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	690 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	2,400 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

28/03/12 – 11/04/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	0.2mm .....	54.3mm
Tullakool .....	0mm .....	60.4mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,184 GL .....	83 %
Hume .....	2,653 GL .....	88 %
Lake Victoria .....	439 GL .....	65 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,492 GL .....	86 %
Active Storage .....	7,768 GL .....	84 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	5,979 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	793 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	9,723 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	7,977 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	3,023 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	7,036 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	40,177 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	19,007 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	59,415 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.81 m
Murray to the Sea .....	138 gates open

**Tune into 'On The Land' every  
Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521  
2QN.**