

# Talking Water

Tuesday 10 January 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Welcome to 2012

On behalf of Murray Irrigation, I extend a very warm welcome to 2012 to all our customers, staff and stakeholders. We hope this year is prosperous for us all, and we look forward to building on our continued success. This includes a new look for Talking Water, we hope you enjoy it.

## Water delivery

As at the end of December, Murray Irrigation had delivered 500GL on-farm. Murray Irrigation also reached close to full capacity at both the Mulwala and Wakool offtakes at the weekend.

## Channel restrictions

Due to the high demand for water, some customers are presently experiencing restrictions. The extent of restrictions is variable with some sections of channel in Wakool restricted to four (4) revs per flow share. An increasing number of customers may be affected by restrictions in the immediate future as deliveries in various parts of the system reach capacity. Customers should remain vigilant of their irrigation requirements, and are reminded to place their water orders well in advance, and take advantage of any weather events that allow flow rates to increase by filling storages or increasing water depth in rice crops. Your first contact for information about restrictions is your Channel Attendant.

## Customer meetings

Murray Irrigation will hold customer meetings in February to discuss a number of issues including PIOP, Network Consultation Paper, outlet and meter strategy, remote control pilot project, water ordering system and Distribution Rules Policy, and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Customers are encouraged to attend. Dates, times and venues are as follows:

- Wednesday 8 February at the **Pretty Pine Hall**, starting at 10am (morning tea from 9.30am).
- Thursday 9 February at the **Noorong Hall**, starting at 10am (morning tea from 9.30am).
- Friday 10 February at the **Bunnaloo Hall**, starting at 10am (morning tea from 9.30am).
- Monday 13 February at the **Blighty Recreation Reserve**, starting at 11am (morning tea from 10.30am).
- Tuesday 14 February at the **Berrigan Recreation Reserve**, starting at 10am (morning tea from 9.30am).

## Micro irrigation field day

Murray Irrigation is hosting a Micro Irrigation Field Day on Thursday 19 January starting at 12.30pm. It will be held at Rorato's property "Jennalou" near Jerilderie. The Field Day will look at the installation and construction of a micro irrigation system through the On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. Free barbecue and drinks will be provided. All welcome. For more information contact Felicity Steel on T. 5888 3012.

## Network Consultation Paper

Murray Irrigation customers should have received a copy of the Network Consultation Paper (NCP) prior to Christmas. The NCP outlines Murray Irrigation's infrastructure and expenditure profile for the five-year period and includes alternative investment strategies that impact on both service to customers and fees and prices. Feedback must be received by 5pm Monday 20 February and can be directed to E: [ncp@murrayirrigation.com.au](mailto:ncp@murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Customer allocation accounts

A reminder to all Murray Irrigation customers that delivery entitlement figures, including annual trade, casual usage fee threshold, and volumes available to transfer, are all now available to access from the Murray Irrigation website in the *Customers* section under *Account Balance*.

## Night patrols

Murray Irrigation Water Distribution staff are currently completing random night patrols and inspections to ensure fair and equitable compliance with company policies, particularly in areas experiencing flow restrictions. Customers can assist by reporting any interference with channels to their local Distribution Supervisor through Reception.

## Rice scholarships

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is awarding two monetary scholarships to assist students with the cost of tertiary education. Application forms are available by calling T. 02 6953 0433 or by visiting the RGA website [www.rga.org.au](http://www.rga.org.au). Local students are encouraged to apply. Applications close Monday 16 January.

**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

(10/01/12)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....80%  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance ..... 753 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 529 GL  
Comprising:  
On-Allocation Usage ..... 449 GL  
Off-Allocation Usage ..... 80 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale .....3,458 ML  
Price Range ..... \$24-\$39  
Buy Offer ..... \$22  
Last 10 Sales .....2,078 ML  
Price Range .....\$23 - \$25  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today  
Mulwala Canal ..... 8,550 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 10,000 ML/day  
Wakool Canal ..... 2,080 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 2,350 ML/day  
Total Escape Flows ..... 2,130 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

26/12/11 - 10/01/12 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm... 135.8mm  
Tullakool ..... 6.4mm... 135.1mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth .....2,960 GL.....77 %  
Hume .....2,350 GL.....78 %  
Lake Victoria .....558 GL.....82 %  
Menindee Lakes .....1,600 GL.....92 %  
Active Storage ..... 7,468 GL.....81 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Jingellic ..... 2,588 ML/d  
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo ..... 2,869 ML/d  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 16,451 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,578 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 1,055 ML/d  
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 543 ML/d  
Darling @ Wilcannia ..... 24,885 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 12,314 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 17,172 ML/d  
Murray @ Murray Bridge ..... 0.75 m  
Murray to the Sea ..... 22 gates open

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