

# Talking Water

Tuesday 24 January 2012



Murray Irrigation

In response to feedback about our new Talking Water format we are modifying the banner for the facsimile copy so that it transmits more quickly. This will take a few days to rectify. Thank you for your patience.

## Accounts due

Accounts were mailed to Murray Irrigation customers on Wednesday 18 January. All invoices are due by 5pm Friday 17 February. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

## Customer meetings

Murray Irrigation will hold customer meetings starting Wednesday 8 February to discuss a number of issues including PIOP, the Network Consultation Paper, outlet and meter strategy, remote-control pilot project, the current water ordering system and Distribution Rules policy, and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. All 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 **Caldwell Hall**, (noting change of venue from 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).
- Tuesday 14 February at the **Jerilderie Shire Chambers** (Ian Gilbert Room) starting at 1.30pm.

## Round 2 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program update

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities (SEWPaC) is continuing to finalise its assessment of Round 2 applications. Murray Irrigation is hopeful that a funding agreement with SEWPaC can be finalised in February. Participating landholders will be notified in writing once Murray Irrigation is able to issue Landholder Works Contracts.

## Low water account balances

A significant number of customers have had their outlets finished by Murray Irrigation due to low water account balances. In most cases Water Distribution staff attempt to contact customers prior to action being taken, however in some cases, contact has been made several times, and inadequate volumes of water have been transferred to an account, causing the outlet to be finished. Customers are reminded to ensure they consider their crop requirements carefully and ensure that adequate water is transferred to prevent the action occurring again. In many cases customers may experience a four-day wait to have outlets restarted.

## Delivery entitlements information

Murray Irrigation customers are reminded they can access their delivery entitlements information by logging on to Murray Irrigation's website, in the *Customer* section. Customers can access their individual delivery entitlements figures including annual trade, casual usage fee threshold, volumes available to transfer and more at just the click of a button. For more information contact Reception on T. 5898 3300.

## Annual transfers

Next Tuesday 31 January, annual transfers from the Murrumbidgee Valley to the Murray Valley will close, as the rules within the Murrumbidgee Water Sharing Plan state that intervalley annual transfers must close at the end of January.

## Positions vacant

Murray Irrigation is currently seeking a Distribution Projects Supervisor based in Deniliquin and a Plant/Weeds Operator based in Finley. More information on these two positions can be found on Murray Irrigation's website.

## Australia Day office closure

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from 8.30am Thursday 26 January for the Australia Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Friday 27 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

(24/01/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	70%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	667 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	633 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	553 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	80 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	8,483 ML
Price Range .....	\$21-\$39
Buy Offer .....	\$17
Last 10 Sales .....	1,370 ML
Price Range .....	\$17 - \$21
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	6,750 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	1,690 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	1,580 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

10/01/12 - 24/01/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	0.0mm	132.3mm
Tullakool .....	3.4mm	134.7mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	2,961 GL	77 %
Hume .....	2,167 GL	72 %
Lake Victoria .....	548 GL	81 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,622 GL	94 %
Active Storage .....	7,298 GL	79 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	5,248 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	628 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	15,859 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	8,370 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	1,565 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	370 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	28,712 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	13,972 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	15,055 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.62 m
Murray to the Sea .....	30 gates open

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