

Talking Water

Tuesday 31 July 2012



Murray Irrigation

New Murray Irrigation website

Murray Irrigation is launching its new website later today. Our new look website is designed to be easier to navigate around while still providing all the information customers need.

The 'Customer Login' section of the new website has been expanded to include new functionality, such as the ability for customers to lodge annual transfers between accounts, list water and/or annual delivery entitlements for sale on the Exchange, or to purchase from the Exchange online. Some easy instructions on this new functionality are available in the *Customer* section once you login.

Staff are available to answer any questions you have regarding the new website, or to assist you locate information, on T. 03 5898 3300. Visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au to have a look around the new website. Depending on your internet network provider, the new site may take up to 12 hours to switch over.

Shareholder director casual vacancy

A reminder that postal ballot to fill the shareholder director casual vacancy must be received by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) no later than **5.00pm this Friday 3 August**. The candidates are Bruce Simpson, James Sides and Ted Hatty.

A declaration of election results will be made next week. For further details, contact AEC Returning Officer Mario Chindamo on T. 03 9285 7108.

Channel filling

Murray Irrigation has commenced filling its lateral channels. Channel Attendants endeavour to make sure outlet doors are sealed, however, customers are encouraged to check their own outlets to avoid unintended on-farm channel filling.

Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals is now complete. For further information regarding channel refilling progress, please contact your channel attendant.

Altering farm irrigation layouts

Customers are reminded that where they are altering their on-farm irrigation layout and bringing in paddocks that have not previously been approved for rice growing, or areas that have previously been rejected for rice growing, or classified as marginal (one in four years) for rice growing, they are advised to discuss soil testing requirements with Murray Irrigation **before** proceeding.

The *Rice Growing Policy* fact sheet is available from our new website in the *Customers/Customer Information/Fact sheets* section. For further information, please contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Response to Ministerial Council

Murray Irrigation has responded to the Ministerial Council Section 43A(4) notice to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) regarding the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The company's comments were sought through the MDBA's key stakeholders' consultation recently.

Murray Irrigation's full response can be viewed on the new website, in the '*Murray-Darling Basin Plan*' section.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation final quarterly invoices for 2011/12 have been sent to customers. Accounts are due for payment by 5.00pm Friday 17 August. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

Grains Research event

The Grains Research & Development Corporation is holding a Grains Research Update at the Moama Bowling Club this week. The event will be held from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Thursday 2 August. Registration starts at 8.15am and lunch is provided.

The day will include presentations from various guest speakers. For more information, or to register, visit www.orm.com.au or call T. 03 5441 6176.

Rice vesting review

NSW Trade and Investment is conducting a review of rice vesting in the Rice Marketing Board in order to make recommendations for its renewal after 1 January 2013. Following a series of public meetings held in the Riverina last week, the closing date for submissions has been extended to **Friday 3 August**.

All interested persons are encouraged to make a submission, including the reasons for their preference. Submissions can be sent to E. rice.review@industry.nsw.gov.au, or F. 02 6391 3336.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	3 %

Water availability & usage

(31/07/12)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements 113%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 1,053 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 0 GL
Off-Allocation Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 6,975 ML
Price Range \$22 - \$150
Buy Offer \$19
Last 10 Sales 1,820 ML
Price Range \$20 - \$21
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 770 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 200 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows 0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

17/07/12 – 31/07/12 Rain Evap
Finley 5.7mm 18.9mm
Tullakool 9.4mm 19.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,493 GL 91 %
Hume 2,906 GL 97 %
Lake Victoria 446 GL 66 %
Menindee Lakes 2,032 GL 117 %
Active Storage 8,877 GL 96 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 14,237 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 2,371 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 17,461 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 32,949 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge... 16,066 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 10,579 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 3,531 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 1,791 ML/d
Flow to SA 36,128 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.84 m
Murray to the Sea N/A

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**