

Talking Water

Tuesday 28 August 2012



Murray Irrigation

Basin Plan update

Federal Water Minister, Tony Burke, has this morning extended the deadline for Basin States to reach a consensus position on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. There is no date for consensus to be reached but the Minister remains determined to have the Plan in place this year. The Minister's statement is available on the Murray Irrigation website and the *Basin Plan* section will be regularly updated as more information comes to hand. The Murray Group of Concerned Communities (MGCC) will keep stakeholders informed of progress via email updates with a view to holding a meeting in the near future.

Customer meetings

All customers are encouraged to attend Murray Irrigation's customer meetings this week. Please note the **change of date** for the Wakool meeting. It will now be held on Thursday 30 August, from 9.00am to 11.00am at the Wakool Services Club.

Meetings will also be held at the following times and venues:

- Deniliquin RSL Club (Mountbatten Room 1), Wednesday 29 August, 9.00am to 11.00am.
- Finley RS Club, Friday 31 August, 11.00am to 1.00pm.

These meetings are an opportunity to hear first-hand information important to your business. Topics to be discussed include:

- Operational issues for the current irrigation season, understanding delivery entitlements and the casual usage fee, accessing information from Murray Irrigation, including new information on our website.
- The roll out of PIIOP; what, where and when?;
- More details about the Outlet and Meter Strategy's implementation; and
- An update on issues surrounding the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Muddied Waters

A reminder to all those who made a pledge to the *Muddied Waters* project to ensure they get their money in immediately. Money was due on Friday. If you require an invoice, contact Louise Burge E. prairie@deni.net.au or Ken Jury E. ken.jury@internode.on.net. The team is ready to start filming as soon as all funds have been received.

Water Order Booklets

To avoid errors with water ordering, customers should fill in their Water Order Booklet before placing orders. Order booklets are available at both Deniliquin and Finley reception. Alternatively, customers can contact their Channel Attendant who will arrange to have them delivered. If customers are still having problems, they are asked to contact the regional planners, via reception.

Financial arrangements

Payment of last season's water accounts was due on Friday 17 August. Water accounts will be placed on stop supply at the end of August for any customer who has outstanding debts and no payment arrangement in place. Murray Irrigation has an active strategy of contacting customers on stop supply to establish arrangements to place annual allocation and delivery entitlements on the annual market to help reduce debt owed to Murray Irrigation. For more information, please contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300 and ask to speak to the Finance team.

Water allocation credit provision

Murray Irrigation is again offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused domestic pipe outlets this season. Applications must be made in writing on the prescribed form and received by Murray Irrigation no later than **5.00pm Friday 14 September**. Application forms (Form WM1) are available from the *Customers* then *Forms* section of Murray Irrigation's website, or by contacting reception.

Rice pre-season meetings

The NSW DPI is holding its annual rice pre-season seminars in the Murray Valley next week. There will be presentations from SunRice, DPI and private researchers, and district agronomists. Speakers will present the latest information on varieties, weed control, nitrogen management, crop establishment and other topics.

Times and locations of the meetings are:

- Wakool Services Club, Monday 3 September, 7.00pm.
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Tuesday 4 September, 9.30am.
- Finley RS Club, Tuesday 4 September, 2.00pm.

For more information, contact John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138 or John Smith on T. 5881 9935.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	7 %

Water availability & usage

(28/08/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	119%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	1,101 GL
On-Farm Usage	33 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	2 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	31 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	8,953 ML
Price Range	\$20 - \$50
Buy Offer	\$18
Last 10 Sales	2,344 ML
Price Range	\$19 - \$21

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	2,400 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	600 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	30 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

14/08/12 – 28/08/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	15.1mm	30.1mm
Tullakool	22.2mm	35.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,590 GL	93 %
Hume	2,909 GL	97 %
Lake Victoria	493 GL	73 %
Menindee Lakes	2,051 GL	119 %
Active Storage	9,043 GL	98 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	20,058 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	3,259 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	28,088 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	41,139 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	16,868 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	12,273 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	9,340 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	5,966 ML/d
Flow to SA	41,570 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.77 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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