

Talking Water

Tuesday 4 September 2012



Murray Irrigation

Off allocation finish orders

Murray Irrigation expects to exhaust its available supplementary allocation by Friday 7 September. Therefore, we will not be extending the off allocation water access period beyond this Friday. Customers are reminded that if they do not lodge a **finish order** for the end of the off allocation water access period that water deliveries beyond this date will be counted as on allocation water. This means if customers do not want to continue irrigating with on allocation water, a finish order must be placed before 6.30am on Friday 7 September.

Water ordering line tip

The following is an explanation of the difference between *cancelling* an order and placing a *finish order*.

A *cancellation order* only applies to orders for an outlet that has not yet been started. A *finish order* must be placed to stop an outlet that is already going.

Flow restrictions

In the next week, Murray Irrigation will write to customers on channels that we have identified as at high risk of flow restrictions in the coming irrigation season. As a rough rule of thumb, if restrictions are necessary because irrigation demand exceeds the supply capacity of the channel, the minimum flow rate would be approximately four revs (or 5ML/d) per landholding (not per outlet).

Customers concerned about potential restrictions should contact their local Water Distribution Supervisor via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Stop supply

Customers who have unpaid accounts from 2011/12 and who have not made an arrangement to pay this amount are now 'on stop' for water supply purposes. For payment arrangement enquiries, contact our Finance team via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Annual trade in delivery entitlements

Customers should ensure they have sufficient delivery entitlements to avoid the casual usage fee, which is calculated and charged quarterly. To do this, customers can transfer delivery entitlements annually either through Murray Irrigation's Exchange or by private arrangements. For more information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

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 on the prescribed form (Form WM1) and received by Murray Irrigation no later than **5.00pm Friday 14 September**. Application forms are available from the *Customers then Forms* section of Murray Irrigation's website, or by contacting reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Customer meetings information

If you did not attend one of Murray Irrigation's customer meetings last week, and are interested in the information presented to these meetings, copies of the presentation and handout are both available from the *Customers then Customer information* sections of our website.

Rice maps

At last week's customer meetings, a customer mentioned that he had provided his rice map to his aerial operator. The clarity of the map ensures easy identification of paddocks for aerial application. Rice maps are available from the *Customer Login* section of the Murray Irrigation website. Customers requiring assistance to access this section of the website should contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Rice pre-season meetings

A reminder that the NSW DPI is holding an annual rice pre-season seminar at the Finley RS Club from 2.00pm today. 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.

Environmental watering project

Environmental water delivery commenced this week in the Jimangle, Cockran and Gwynnes Creeks system using both Murray Irrigation and on-farm infrastructure. The water comes from both NSW and Commonwealth environmental water accounts. Delivery is expected to continue until the end of September. For more information, contact NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Officer Emma Wilson on T. 03 5898 3921.

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Announced allocation

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

Water availability & usage

(04/09/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	119%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	1,104 GL
On-Farm Usage	59 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	2 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	57 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	8,079 ML
Price Range	\$23 - \$50
Buy Offer	\$21
Last 10 Sales	2,197 ML
Price Range	\$20 - \$22
To buy water call 1300 781 431	

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	5,400 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,095 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	34 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

21/08/12 – 04/09/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	3.0mm	37.2mm
Tullakool	4.8mm	46.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,627 GL	94 %
Hume	2,907 GL	97 %
Lake Victoria	548 GL	81 %
Menindee Lakes	2,036 GL	118 %
Active Storage	9,118 GL	98 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	14,100 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	2,120 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	19,962 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	33,335 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	12,768 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	12,551 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	6,901 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	6,172 ML/d
Flow to SA	44,766 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.67 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
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