

# Talking Water

Tuesday 11 September 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Off allocation water access

Off allocation water access finished for all customers on Friday 7 September. Murray Irrigation has now used all of its available Supplementary Licence allocation (121GL). Supplementary water used for channel fill (46GL) forms part of the current water efficiency allocation of seven percent of Delivery Entitlements. This represents over 73GL in customers' allocation accounts.

## MGCC Stakeholders meeting

The Murray Group of Concerned Communities will be holding a meeting for stakeholders on Wednesday 19 September from 5.00pm to 6.30pm in the Deniliquin RSL Club's Gallery Room. The meeting will hear from NSW Irrigators' Council Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Gregson, about the current political status of the Basin Plan followed by a discussion on the Murray communities' views. For more information, call T. 03 5898 3343 or E. [mgcc.nsw@gmail.com](mailto:mgcc.nsw@gmail.com).

## Murray Irrigation website access

A computer terminal has been set up in the Deniliquin reception area for customer access to Murray Irrigation's customer login section. It also provides an opportunity for customers to be shown how to access the information contained in the new site. A second terminal will also be operational in the Finley reception area by Wednesday morning. For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

## August inflow summary

According to the MDBA, August inflows to the River Murray system (excluding Darling River and Snowy inflows) totalled 1,830GL. This is above the long-term average of around 1,540GL and highlights the current wet condition and responsiveness of the upper catchments. August rainfall averaged across the entire Basin was 17mm, which is 56 percent below the historical average and ranks the 16th driest August in 113 years.

## Biodiversity Management Plan

The draft NSW Murray Biodiversity Management Plan (draft Murray BMP) has been developed to maximise the benefits to biodiversity from available resources in the NSW Murray Catchment. It is designed to be a helpful guide for groups and individuals who have an interest in biodiversity management. The draft Murray BMP is a guide not a regulatory document and is open for public comment to 1 October. To access the draft Murray BMP, visit: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversity/murraybmp.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversity/murraybmp.htm).

## Stop supply

A reminder that customers who have unpaid accounts from 2011/12 or prior, 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. The deadline for the first quarter of 2012/13 is 5.00pm, **Friday 28 September**. To avoid the Casual Usage Fee, 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 this 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.

## RGA survey

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is undertaking a review of its Environmental Champions Program, as well as its environmental policy and other strategies which underpin it. Rice growers are encouraged to fill out a short survey as part of the review. For more information, visit the RGA website: <http://www.rga.org.au/>.

## The Great Divide

Southern Cross Television, Channel Ten's regional affiliate, is producing a new political affairs program, *The Great Divide*. It will feature Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke this Sunday 16 September at 9.00am on regional Channel Ten. The show is hosted by journalist Graham Davis, who will also be hosting the *Muddied Waters* documentary. Check your local guides for more information.

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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

(11/09/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	119%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	1,094 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	93 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	2 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	91 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	5,811 ML
Price Range .....	\$27 - \$50
Buy Offer .....	\$23
Last 10 Sales .....	1,332 ML
Price Range .....	\$23 - \$27
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	3,850 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	945 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	184 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

28/08/12 – 11/09/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	0mm .....	47.7mm
Tullakool .....	2.8mm .....	62.8mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,661 GL .....	95 %
Hume .....	2,923 GL .....	97 %
Lake Victoria .....	602 GL .....	89 %
Menindee Lakes .....	2,030 GL .....	117 %
Active Storage .....	9,216 GL .....	99 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	12,422 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	1,924 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	15,754 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	20,471 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	10,411 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	12,371 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	5,548 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	6,005 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	44,263 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.83 m
Murray to the Sea .....	N/A

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