

Talking Water

Tuesday 25 September 2012



Murray Irrigation

PIIOP signing

Murray Irrigation and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (representing the Commonwealth Government) have signed the funding agreement for implementation of the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) project. PIIOP is funded from the 'Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure' component of *Water for the Future*.

Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project involves investment in a range of projects that will improve both customer service delivery and water use efficiency (both within our delivery system and on-farm). More information is available from our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Annual trade in delivery entitlements

First quarter accounts will be based on water usage up to Monday 1 October. A small number of customers' first quarter water usage already exceeds 120 percent of their delivery entitlements. To avoid being charged the Casual Usage Fee, customers should ensure they have sufficient delivery entitlements. The deadline for the first quarter of 2012/13 is 5.00pm, **this 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.

The customer login area of our website provides details of water usage and delivery entitlements available, including information based on consolidated accounts. For more information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Murray-Darling Basin Plan

The proposed amendment to the *Water Act 2007* (Cth) was introduced to parliament last week. This amendment has been referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Australia. The purpose of the amendment is to allow the sustainable diversion limit (SDL) in the Basin Plan to be adjusted by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. One of the key concerns with this amendment is that until details of the process for changing the SDL (which will be in the final Basin Plan) are known, stakeholders cannot have confidence in the proposed amendment.

Muddied Waters filming begins

Filming has begun for the Murray-Darling Basin investigative documentary, *Muddied Waters*. The film crew was in Deniliquin

recently. The project aims to expose key concerns behind the development of the Basin Plan to the wider public. There was significant local support for the documentary, including a pledge from Murray Irrigation.

Murray Irrigation website access

A reminder that customers can access Murray Irrigation's website via reception. Our Deniliquin and Finley offices have been fitted with computer terminals which provide access to Murray Irrigation's customer login section. The terminals also provide an opportunity for customers to be shown how to access the information contained in the new website. For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Public holiday arrangements

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Monday 1 October for the NSW Labour Day public holiday. Murray Irrigation offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 October. *Talking Water* and the 'On the Land' radio program will be as per normal.

Direct Drilling Rice Field Day

NSW DPI is holding a direct drilling rice field day this Thursday 27 September at Peter Kaylock's property, 'Narrawa', on Maddys Rd, Moulamein. Attendees are asked to meet at the house for an 8.30am start.

The field day will cover the key factors in establishment of direct drilled rice crops and include inspections of several paddocks. For further information, contact Barham District Agronomist, John Smith, on M. 0428 236 629.

Berriquin Irrigators' Council AGM

Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its annual general meeting on Thursday 11 October. The meeting is being held at the Finley RS Club from 7.30pm. For more information, contact David Alexander on M. 0429 833 382.

Customer details

Murray Irrigation customers need to advise us if they have changed their contact details. This can be done by completing a 'Change of Contact Details' form, which is accessible via the *Customers/Forms* section of our website or by contacting reception on T. 03 5898 3300. This also ensures customers are receiving *Talking Water* and their quarterly accounts via their preferred method.

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

(25/09/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	116%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	1,060 GL
On-Farm Usage	131 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	52 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	7,670 ML
Price Range	\$32 - \$50
Buy Offer	\$30
Last 10 Sales	1,495 ML
Price Range	\$30 - \$35

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	1,600 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	385 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

11/09/12 - 25/09/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	9.8mm	43.8mm
Tullakool	27.6mm	52.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,716 GL	96 %
Hume	2,971 GL	99 %
Lake Victoria	660 GL	98 %
Menindee Lakes	2,025 GL	117 %
Active Storage	9,372 GL	101 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	9,263 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	1,335 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	15,480 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	17,024 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	3,913 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald	11,237 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	3,531 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,327 ML/d
Flow to SA	48,999 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.70 m
Murray to the Sea	N/A

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