

# Talking Water

Tuesday 2 October 2012



Murray Irrigation

## PIIOP rollout

The funding agreement for Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) project was officially signed on 20 September. The program's rollout is due to commence in mid-2013 and end in March 2017. The objective of PIIOP is for the Commonwealth Government to acquire Water Access Entitlements to contribute to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan targets, whilst contributing to a more sustainable and viable irrigation industry in the NSW Southern Riverina.

PIIOP aims to improve the efficiency and productivity of water use and management both off and on farms within Murray Irrigation's area of operations. PIIOP sub-projects include:

- The upgrading of water management (offtakes and regulators) and measurement systems (farm outlets and meters)
- Targeted channel refurbishment, via clay lining
- System reconfiguration to reduce Murray Irrigation costs and improve service delivery; and
- Sub-system retirement to reduce Murray Irrigation costs and remove landholdings from irrigation supply.

PIIOP is funded by the 'Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure' component of *Water for the Future*.

## Flow restrictions

By now, customers at high risk of possible flow restrictions in the coming irrigation season should have been contacted by Murray Irrigation. 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/day) per landholding (not per outlet). Customers concerned about potential restrictions should contact their local Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Four-day advance notice

Customers are reminded that water orders must be placed four days in advance to guarantee delivery. Water can be delivered in less than four days as water becomes available. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee delivery within four days if orders are received after 6.30am.

To place an order, simply call T. 1300 781 431. After placing an order, please ensure you **listen carefully** when your order is played back. This ensures all water order details are correct.

## Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 29 November** at the Deniliquin RSL Club, starting at 10.30am. Notice of meeting and proxy forms will be mailed to shareholders later this month.

Copies of Murray Irrigation's 2012 Annual Report will also be sent to shareholders who have nominated to receive a copy. Shareholders who have not previously registered to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report, and wish to do so, must fill out a 'Change of Contact Details' form, which is available from reception, or via the *Customers/Forms* section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Revised transformation fee

Murray Irrigation's Board of Directors has agreed to change the 2012/13 Standard Service Fees (Annexure B to the Fees and Prices Policy) to reduce the application fees for external transfers of water entitlements (transformation). The revised transformation fee is \$385, including GST. The latest Fees document can be viewed in the *Customers/Fees and Prices* section of our website.

## Review of State Water Operating Licence

Murray Irrigation last week sent its submission on the review of State Water's operating licence. The review is being conducted by the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The five-year review will determine whether the existing licence is meeting its objectives and whether IPART will recommend that the licence be amended to make it more effective. For more information, or to view Murray Irrigation's submission, visit the *Water* section of [www.ipart.gov.au](http://www.ipart.gov.au).

## 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.

**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

(02/10/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	115%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	1,053 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	144 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	65 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	11,658 ML
Price Range .....	\$28 - \$60
Buy Offer .....	\$28
Last 10 Sales .....	1,625 ML
Price Range .....	\$30 - \$32
<b>To buy water call 1300 781 431</b>	

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	3,800 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	1,545 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	100 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

18/09/12 - 02/10/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	9.8mm .....	56.5mm
Tullakool .....	26.0mm .....	64.7mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,745 GL .....	97 %
Hume .....	2,928 GL .....	97 %
Lake Victoria .....	665 GL .....	98 %
Menindee Lakes .....	2,024 GL .....	117 %
Active Storage .....	9,362 GL .....	101 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	10,197 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	1,215 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	16,703 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	22,263 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	2,063 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	7,868 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	2,506 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	2,039 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	49,831 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.80 m
Murray to the Sea .....	N/A

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