

TalkingWater

Tuesday 23 October 2012



Murray Irrigation

Annual Report and AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2012 Annual Report is now available from the 'Corporate' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Our 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 10.30am on Thursday 29 November.

The Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form will be posted to shareholders this Friday 26 October, together with an Annual Report if you opted to receive one. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Water ordering

When a finish order is placed by a customer (even in an emergency) there may be a four day wait for any subsequent start order to take effect. Murray Irrigation allocates water from finish orders to the next available customer that is in line on the water ordering program.

Water orders should be placed four days in advance to guarantee delivery. Orders can only 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 order water call T. 1300 781 431.

Quarterly invoices

First quarter tax invoices were sent to customers last week. The accounts are for the period 1 July to 30 September 2012 and payment is due by 5.00pm Friday 16 November. Customers are reminded that to be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid before this date. If you have not received an invoice, please contact our Finance department, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300.

Transformation fact sheet

A new fact sheet on 'Transformation' has been loaded onto the Murray Irrigation website. The fact sheet explains what transformation is and how it affects customers. To view the fact sheet, click on 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Fact Sheets' from the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Muddied Waters

Filming of the investigative documentary *Muddied Waters – A Clear Solution* is now complete. Executive Producer Ken Jury is hoping to soon confirm details of the documentary's broadcast.

Muddied Waters will include vision and interviews from across the Murray-Darling Basin. The project, which was financially supported by many in the local community, aims to help the people of Australia better understand the Murray-Darling River system and potential negative social and economic impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. For more information, visit the *Muddied Waters* Facebook page: www.facebook.com/muddiedwatersdocumentary.

MDBA storage

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) reports that Dartmouth Reservoir storage volume increased to 3,807GL (99 percent capacity) last week. At this stage, increased releases to pass inflows and prevent unnecessary erosion from water flowing over the spillway are expected to begin by early November.

The storage level at Hume Reservoir reached 99 percent capacity earlier this month. At this level, the storage is considered to be effectively full. With current releases meeting downstream demand requirements, demand increasing and inflows receding, the MDBA forecasts Hume storage to start declining in the near future.

MDBA data

Murray Irrigation has received several queries from customers regarding data listed as "N/A" (not available) in the 'Rivers' section of *Talking Water*. This information is obtained directly from the MDBA website. We have since contacted the MDBA about the issue and were informed the information will now be updated on a regular basis. It has been included in this edition.

Soybean pre-season meeting

NSW DPI is holding a soybean meeting/discussion group from 10.00am this Thursday 25 October. The event will be held at the property of Nick Stuart, 'Garden Vale', 3082 West Bunnaloo Road (about 2km west of Bunnaloo).

NSW DPI Soybean Research Agronomist Luke Gaynor will update growers on the management requirements for growing soybeans this season. For further information, contact Deniliquin District Agronomist John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.

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

(23/10/12)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	104%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	954 GL
On-Farm Usage	243 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	164 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	6,732 ML
Price Range	\$36 - \$60
Buy Offer	\$32
Last 10 Sales	757 ML
Price Range	\$35 - \$36

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	7,100 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,690 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

09/10/12 – 23/10/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	10.9mm	62.9mm
Tullakool	1.6mm	75.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,810 GL	99 %
Hume	2,969 GL	99 %
Lake Victoria	661 GL	98 %
Menindee Lakes	1,987 GL	115 %
Active Storage	9,427 GL	102 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	6,547 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	929 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	15,530 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	8,587 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	3,702 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	5,052 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	1,245 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	853 ML/d
Flow to SA	21,404 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.76 m
Murray to the Sea	87 gates open

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