

Talking Water

Tuesday 30 October 2012



Murray Irrigation

Basin Plan announcement

The Prime Minister and the Water Minister announced on Friday new funding to recover a further 450GL of environmental water from efficiency works and to address system constraints as part of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The Basin Plan now effectively targets total water recoveries of 3,200GL.

This is an extremely disappointing outcome after years of work by irrigators and communities to achieve a more balanced Basin Plan that targeted significantly less recovered water than 2,750GL.

The entry of the Prime Minister into the Basin Plan debate highlights that the issue is political and our ability to influence the final outcome is limited; however, Murray Irrigation continues to work to minimise the negative impacts of the Basin Plan where we can. Specifically, we are seeking:

- A cap on direct buybacks;
- Recognition of environmental works and measures in reducing the 2,750GL target;
- Equity between States through the apportionment of recovery targets.

The Murray Irrigation website has been updated with information about the announcement and links to media releases from a range of stakeholders. Visit:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

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.

To be eligible to vote at the meeting, all fees including the September 2012 quarterly tax invoice (which is due on Friday 16 November) must be received no later than 10.30am, Monday 26 November (72 hours before the AGM). Please allow at least three business days for direct deposit and BPay payments to be received before this deadline.

The Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form has been posted to shareholders, together with an Annual Report where requested. For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Quarterly invoices

If you have not received a September 2012 quarterly tax invoice, please contact our Finance department, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300. The accounts are for the period 1 July to 30 September 2012. Customers are

reminded that to be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid before 5.00pm Friday 16 November.

Potential for flow restrictions

Due to high irrigation demand and the warmer weather, company-wide flow restrictions were close to being implemented late last week. This was a consequence of potential capacity constraints at the Mulwala Canal offtake.

Demand has since eased, however, there is significant potential for this circumstance to occur again later this season. Customers are reminded to carefully monitor their crop requirements over the coming months to avoid possible delays in water delivery. Customers who are considering sowing more rice are strongly encouraged to speak with their Distribution Supervisor who can explain likely future channel constraints.

Office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Tuesday 6 November due to a Murray Irrigation staff holiday. Offices will reopen from 8.30am Wednesday 7 November. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 7 November. There will be no 'On The Land' radio segment next week. It will return on Tuesday 13 November.

Rice establishment discussion group

NSW DPI is holding a rice establishment discussion group at Peter Kaylock's property 'Narawa' on Monday 5 November. The event will be held from 9.00am to 11.00am. Topics to be discussed include any issues with rice establishment; particularly drill sown crops. For more information, contact Barham District Agronomist John Smith on M. 0428 236 629.

Denibootea Landholders meeting

A Denibootea Landholders meeting will be held at Caldwell Hall from 7.30pm on Monday 12 November. For more information, call Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

Wakool Landholders AGM

Wakool Landholders Association is holding its AGM on Wednesday November 14. It will be held from 7.30pm at the Wakool Club. For more information, call David May on M. 0427 539 249.

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

(30/10/12)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	98%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	893 GL
On-Farm Usage	302 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	223 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	6,478 ML
Price Range	\$36 - \$60
Buy Offer	\$33
Last 10 Sales	1,169 ML
Price Range	\$35 - \$36

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	8,000 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	1,360 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,700 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

16/10/12 – 30/10/12	Rain	Evap
Finley	0mm	80.2mm
Tullakool	0mm	91.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,817 GL	99 %
Hume	2,898 GL	96 %
Lake Victoria	666 GL	98 %
Menindee Lakes	1,938 GL	112 %
Active Storage	9,319 GL	101 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	6,360 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	1,542 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	19,495 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	9,925 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	998 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	5,225 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	908 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	2,064 ML/d
Flow to SA	19,682 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.74 m
Murray to the Sea	48 gates open

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