

# Talking Water

Tuesday 13 November 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Quarterly accounts due

Customers are reminded that September quarterly accounts are due by **5.00pm this Friday 16 November**. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid before this date. For more information, contact our Finance department, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300.

## Banksia collapse

Customers impacted by the collapse of Banksia Securities Limited should contact our Finance department via reception on T. 03 5898 3300 to discuss options for the management of finance and water accounts.

## On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program

The Commonwealth Government is yet to make an announcement regarding the On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round 3. Murray Irrigation will inform Expression of Interest participants via *Talking Water* and in writing once an announcement is made.

## Management of rice water on-farm

Rice growers are reminded to manage **all** rice water on-farm at all times, wherever possible. Murray Irrigation's Environment Protection Authority Licence includes a chemical monitoring program of the stormwater escape systems.

Customers must ensure drainage inlet slides are closed at all times and **are not leaking**. If your drainage inlet slide is missing, please contact reception to arrange for a replacement. In the event of rice water discharging into a stormwater escape, please report the issue to reception immediately by calling T. 03 5898 3300. Informing Murray Irrigation provides an opportunity for us to take action that will minimise or avoid downstream water quality impacts.

## Murray Irrigation Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's Annual General Meeting is being held at 10.30am on Thursday 29 November at the Deniliquin RSL Club. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300. The 2012 Annual Report is available from the 'Corporate' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Fees and Prices Policy review feedback

Murray Irrigation is presently reviewing its Fees and Prices Policy and invites feedback by **5.00pm Friday 23 November**. Visit our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) and click on the 'Fees and Prices Policy review feedback

survey' link on the home page to complete the online form or download a hard copy of the form or contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300 to have a form sent to you.

## October Murray-Darling Basin inflows

Below average rainfall for the Murray-Darling Basin persisted during October. The Bureau of Meteorology reports that October was the 10<sup>th</sup> driest in 113 years of records with a total of only 15.4mm (62 percent below the mean).

Inflows to the River Murray system (excluding Darling River and Snowy inflows) continued to recede during October, with a monthly total of about 775GL. This is well below the long-term average of nearly 1,400GL.

## Rice Discussion Group meetings

NSW DPI will conduct several rice discussion groups over the next week. These will cover a variety of topics. The meetings will be short to allow growers to get on with harvesting winter crops. Times and locations are:

- Thursday 15 November, 7.30am Laurie Hughes 'Kalawar', Oro Road.
- Friday 16 November, 7.30am Robert Caldwell, Bunnaloo Tennis Courts.
- Monday 19 November, 7.30am Geoff Small's, 'Billinudgell', Nesbitts Road.
- Tuesday 20 November, 8.30am, John Hand, 'Eddington', Mayrung Road.

For more details, phone District Agronomist John Fowler on 0427 079 138.

## Wakool Landholders AGM

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

## Denimein Landholders AGM

Denimein Landholders Association is holding its AGM at the Pretty Pine Hall on Wednesday 21 November. For more information, Adrian Dunmore on M. 0428 816 901.

## Cups On, Cups Off

Riverina TAFE Finley and Murray Dairy are holding a 'Cups On Cups Off' course next week. It will run over two days (Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November). The course covers a variety of topics and costs \$285 per person. For more information or to enrol, contact the Finley TAFE campus on T. 03 5883 9700.

**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

(13/11/12)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements .....	91%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance .....	830 GL
On-Farm Usage .....	365 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage .....	286 GL
Off-Allocation Usage .....	79 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale .....	4,404 ML
Price Range .....	\$39 - \$61
Buy Offer .....	\$36
Last 10 Sales .....	915 ML
Price Range .....	\$38 - \$40

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal .....	4,800 ML/day
Capacity .....	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal .....	1,145 ML/day
Capacity .....	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows .....	1,200 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

30/10/12 – 13/11/12 .....	Rain .....	Evap .....
Finley .....	14.4mm .....	94.9mm
Tullakool .....	6.0mm .....	110mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	3,816 GL .....	99 %
Hume .....	2,930 GL .....	98 %
Lake Victoria .....	669 GL .....	99 %
Menindee Lakes .....	1,897 GL .....	110 %
Active Storage .....	9,312 GL .....	100 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic .....	6,254 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon .....	4,284 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	13,315 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir .....	8,071 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....	1,013 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	4,884 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia .....	601 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	3,325 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	16,520 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge .....	0.82 m
Murray to the Sea .....	25 gates open

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