

# Talking Water

Tuesday 7 August 2012



Murray Irrigation

## Amended proposed Basin Plan

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority yesterday released an amended proposed Basin Plan and a response to the comments of the Murray-Darling Ministerial Council.

The amended Basin Plan is disappointing. The MDBA has only incorporated changes agreed to by the entire Ministerial Council, effectively giving power of veto to South Australia over other jurisdictions regardless of any majority position.

While the MDBA has endeavoured to incorporate the Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) adjustment mechanism as requested by the Council, Murray Irrigation is concerned with some of the detail contained in the proposed legislative document that could see water savings gained through irrigation efficiency calculated over and above the SDL target amount.

Murray Irrigation will seek further advice on detail in the proposed Basin Plan and will inform stakeholders accordingly.

## Off allocation water availability

Murray Irrigation last week confirmed customer access to off allocation water at our offtakes is extended until Friday 10 August. This announcement followed advice received from the NSW Office of Water (NOW). If NOW extends supplementary water access, Murray Irrigation will announce its extension to customers on the IVR, our website, via a Special *Talking Water* and SMS. Murray Irrigation does not expect NOW to announce an extension until late on Thursday 9 August.

## Election results

Murray Irrigation will announce the result of its shareholder director election via a Special *Talking Water* later this week. The postal ballot to fill the casual vacancy closed on Friday 3 August.

## New Murray Irrigation website

Murray Irrigation launched its new website on Tuesday 31 July. The new look website is designed to be easier to navigate around while still providing all the information customers need. Visit [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Should you require assistance, please call T. 03 5898 3300 and our administration staff will help you.

## Customer meetings

Murray Irrigation is holding a series of customer meetings the week commencing 27 August and all customers are encouraged to

attend. Dates and venues will be confirmed in next Tuesday's edition of *Talking Water*.

## Quarterly accounts due

Murray Irrigation final quarterly invoices for 2011/12 are due for payment by 5.00pm Friday 17 August. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

## Muddied Waters

The final date for the expression of community support through pledges to the *Muddied Waters – A Clear Solution* documentary/website strategy is required by this Friday 10 August. The aim of the project is to better inform Australians on the Murray River system and the Basin Plan. For anyone interested in finding out more information or pledging support please contact Louise Burge on M. 0428 984 570, or Ken Jury (SA) on M. 0412 450 924.

## Basin Plan meeting notice

A Murray-Darling Basin Plan meeting is being held at the Blighty Hotel from 7.00pm this Wednesday 8 August. Louise Burge will present on issues of concern and identify options to correct current misinformation. Everyone is welcome.

## Dairy Connect NSW meeting


All dairy farmers are invited to attend a meeting from 7.00pm this Wednesday night at the Finley RS Club. Dairy Connect is being formed to present a united voice of the NSW dairy industry. The purpose of the meeting is to explain and discuss the new organisation that will represent NSW dairy farmers. To RSVP, call Ruth Kydd on M. 0417 687 097.

## Young farmers/agribusiness dinner

Murray Dairy invites all young farmers and agribusiness people to attend a dinner at the Finley RS Club from 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 August. Dinner is supplied. Please RSVP by Thursday 9 August to Tori at Murray Dairy on T. 03 5833 5927.

## Recognising Stewart Ellis

In recognition of the contribution Stewart Ellis has made to the region's irrigation industry, the Wakool Landholders' Association is organising an informal evening at the Wakool Hotel from 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 August. Please RSVP by Friday 10 August to David May on M. 0427 539 248, or Mark Martin on M. 0428 507 616.

  
**Anthony Couroupis**  
General Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 100 %  
Class B High Security ..... 100 %  
Class A Town Water ..... 100 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 3 %

## Water availability & usage

(07/08/12)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements ..... 113%  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance ..... 1,053 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL  
Comprising:  
On-Allocation Usage ..... 0 GL  
Off-Allocation Usage ..... 0 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 5,715 ML  
Price Range ..... \$23 - \$35  
Buy Offer ..... \$20  
Last 10 Sales ..... 2,785 ML  
Price Range ..... \$20 - \$22

To buy water call 1300 781 431

## Channel flows

Today  
Mulwala Canal ..... 2,100 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 10,000 ML/day  
Wakool Canal ..... 515 ML/day  
Capacity ..... 2,350 ML/day  
Total Escape Flows ..... 0 ML/day

## Rainfall & evaporation

24/07/12 – 07/08/12 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 6.2mm ..... 22.0mm  
Tullakool ..... 10.2mm ..... 24.0mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,507 GL ..... 91 %  
Hume ..... 2,936 GL ..... 98 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 436 GL ..... 64 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 1,998 GL ..... 115 %  
Active Storage ..... 8,877 GL ..... 96 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Jingellic ..... 10,096 ML/d  
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon ..... 2,140 ML/d  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,363 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 20,103 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge... 15,444 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 10,722 ML/d  
Darling @ Wilcannia ..... 8,491 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 1,523 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 38,580 ML/d  
Murray @ Murray Bridge ..... 0.77 m  
Murray to the Sea ..... N/A

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