

Talking Water



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Tuesday 30th June 2009

Starting available water determinations – The Department of Water & Energy will make the first available water determination for 2009/10 on Wednesday 1st July 2009.

Applications to transfer Water Entitlements in 2009/10 – Murray Irrigation will accept applications to transfer Water Entitlements in accordance with the revised Entitlements Contract and policies released on Friday 26th June 2009 from the 1st July 2009. Details of the reduction in Water and Delivery Entitlements will be available by Friday 3rd July and will be posted to member customers by Friday 10th July. For further information please contact Murray Irrigation's Share Register staff on (T) 03 5898 3368 or (T) 03 5898 3367.

Offices Closed – Due to staff meetings the Finley Office will be closed 8.00am - 9.30am and the Deniliquin Office 12.15pm – 2.30pm tomorrow, Wednesday 1st July. This meeting is about renewal of Murray Irrigation's three year Enterprise Agreement.

Commonwealth Funding for Private Infrastructure Operators – Applications for funding from the \$650M for private irrigation infrastructure operators in NSW announced by the Minister for Water, Senator Penny Wong close on the 27th November 2009. Murray Irrigation is eligible to apply for funding for investment in infrastructure in the channel system; the application can also include funding for on farm investment in more efficient water delivery and usage.

All of the funding available from the Commonwealth *Water for the Future* Program **requires** the return of Water Entitlements to the Commonwealth. Any application from Murray Irrigation for funding needs to be supported by a Modernisation Plan for the irrigation supply infrastructure.

On Farm Program – The Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) is also preparing guidelines for the *Water for the Future* on-farm program. This program is a four year program for surface water irrigators in the Lachlan Valley and southern connected Rivers. Murray Irrigation along with a wide range of other stakeholders met with the Department last week to provide input into the design of the program. Key features of this program will include;

- Participants will need to be able to transfer Water Entitlements to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.
- The program will be implemented through delivery partners, which means individuals will need to apply to an organisation selected as a delivery partner to participate (i.e. individuals will not be able to apply directly to DEWHA. Delivery partners could be organisations like an Industry Group, a Catchment Management Authority or Irrigation Company).
- The process will require competitive bids and more than one round of applications.

Murray LWMP Landholder annual survey 2009 – If you have received a letter to participate in this survey you are encouraged to participate in the survey as it provides information used to quantify the landholder contribution to the LWMP implementation. Please contact Danielle Ewington (T) 03 5888 3011 (Tuesday – Thursday) or email: daniellee@murrayirrigation.com.au.

ANNOUNCED ALLOCATION

Due on Wednesday 1st July 2009

WATER EXCHANGE CLOSED

For Water and Delivery Entitlement price go to:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/watexch/perm_hist.aspx

CHANNEL FLOWS TODAY

Mulwala CanalClosed
Capacity.....10,000ML/day
Wakool Canal.....Closed
Capacity.....2,350ML/day
Total Escape flows.....0ML/day

RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION

Tues 23rd June – Mon 29th June
Finley rainfall.....15.3mm
Finley evaporation.....7.5mm
Tullakool rainfall.....3.0mm
Tullakool evaporation.....7.7mm

STORAGES

Up to Wed 24th June 2009 (MDBA)

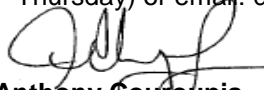
In storage	% Full	Change this week
Dartmouth		
831GL.....	21%	-1GL
Hume		
305GL.....	10%	+35GL
Lake Victoria		
224GL.....	33%	+25GL
Menindee Lakes		
224GL.....	13%	+3GL
Total		
1,584GL.....	17%	+61GL

MURRAY IRRIGATION OFFICES

Open Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

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