

Talking Water



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Second Commonwealth Tender – The second Commonwealth Southern Basin Tender 2009/10 begins today, Tuesday 9 March, and closes Monday 29 March 2010. For the average price of offers pursued in the first Commonwealth Tender, and for more details about the second Commonwealth Tender, go to www.environment.gov.au/waterpurchasing. Note that there have been some changes to the guidelines and application form for the second round Tender.

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website indicates that the third tender in this series is expected to commence in late April or early May 2010.

Offer to Sell II update – Murray Irrigation is considering its response to the second Commonwealth Tender. Participants in Offer to Sell II will be contacted directly in writing later this week to advise of its intentions, and the implications of the second Commonwealth Tender. In the interim, participants can continue to use the dedicated enquiry service (via Messagebank) on T. 03 5898 3333.

Accessing the stormwater escape system – Following the heavy rainfall in some areas, including 118mm recorded at the Deniliquin airport over the weekend to 9am Monday, customers are reminded that to access the stormwater escape system Murray Irrigation requires the completion of a stormwater disposal form. A copy of the Stormwater Disposal Policy and application form are a single document and are available from the Murray Irrigation website at www.murrayirrigation.com.au under the *Environment* section, then *Policies*, then *Stormwater*. For further information contact Penny Sloane, Acting Compliance Supervisor, on T. 03 5888 3015.

Customers who have opened their drainage inlet are reminded to close the slide once surface water has been drained.

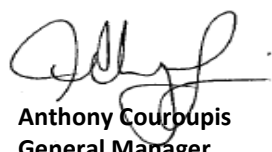
Preparation for autumn irrigation program – Scheduled maintenance works to assist with the delivery of the autumn irrigation program have commenced. Customers are reminded to contact their Planners now to update their autumn irrigation intentions. Planners can be contacted on: Deniliquin T. 03 5898 3304, Finley T. 03 5888 3004 and Wakool T. 03 5887 0504.

Customers are advised they are still required to place water orders on the IVR as normal even though intentions have been discussed with their Planner.

Blue-Green Algae alert update – Water at Murray Irrigation's Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal Offtakes remains at red alert for blue-green algae. For further information contact Penny Sloane, Acting Compliance Supervisor, on T. 03 5888 3015.

NSW Office of Water Report on Management of Menindee Lakes – The NSW Office of Water (NOW) has released a report *Management of the 2010 flood event in the Menindee Lakes System (February 2010)*. This Report profiles the flood event in the system and explains the management of the subsequent flows. The Report is available in the *Water Resource Updates* section of the Murray irrigation website at www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Communications Officer moves on – Communications Officer Claire Gibson is moving on after two years with Murray Irrigation to take up the position of Manager Strategy, Communications and Human Resources with Gannawarra Shire Council in Kerang, Victoria. I wish Claire well in her new position and thank her for her considerable contribution through a time of great change.


Anthony Courpupis
General Manager

ANNOUNCED ALLOCATION

Class C General Security	20%
Class B High Security	97%
Class A Town Water	97%
Maximum (allocation+carryover)	100%
Carryover access	100%
Water Efficiency Distribution	6%

WATER EXCHANGE – 8.30am Today

To buy water 1300 781 431

Water for sale	7,368 ML
Price range	\$99 - \$735 /ML
Buy offer	\$85 /ML
Last 10 sales	694 ML
Price range	\$100 - 114 /ML

For Water & Delivery Entitlement price goto:

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

CHANNEL FLOWS Today

Mulwala Canal	390 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	25 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape flows	250 ML/day

RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION

03/03/10 – 09/03/10

Finley rainfall	31.0 mm
Finley evaporation	35.5 mm
Tullakool rainfall	56.6 mm
Tullakool evaporation	33.2 mm

STORAGES

Week ending Wed 3 March 2010 (MDBA)

Storage	% Full	Change
Dartmouth		
1,191 GL	30%	-3 GL
Hume		
524 GL	17%	-16 GL
Lake Victoria		
432 GL	64%	+53 GL
Menindee Lakes		
598 GL	35%	-16 GL
Total		
2,745 GL	29%	+19 GL

Murray River flow - Lock 1
05/03/2010 4,820 ML/day

Darling River flow – Weir 32 Not available

MURRAY IRRIGATION OFFICES

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm

Deniliquin	03 5898 3300
Finley	03 5888 3000
Wakool	03 5887 0500
Water Order Number	1300 781 431