

Talking Water



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Water Ordering and Water Exchange Line – Murray Irrigation customers should note that each of Murray Irrigation's Water Ordering, Water Exchange and website will all be unavailable on Wednesday 1 September from 5pm for a period of up to four (4) hours. This is due to system maintenance. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Charges Policy Review – A reminder that the Board has approved a two-stage implementation of Murray Irrigation's 2010/11 Pricing Schedule. The Pricing Schedule that is in place for the six months to 31 December 2010 is now available on our website. From 1 January 2011, a revised pricing structure will include features such as 1) annual landholding service fee; 2) annual outlet fee; 3) tiered per ML use fees to deliver lower prices for higher use; and 4) a lower Delivery Entitlement fee.

Environmental Policies: Rice Growing Policy and Total Farm Water Balance Policy - Rice growers are reminded that they must comply with Murray Irrigation's Rice Growing Policy. Murray Irrigation will **not** be posting out rice suitability maps to landholders this year. Rice suitability maps for each landholding are available by request by contacting Penny Sloane, Compliance Officer on T. (03) 5898 3015.

Landholders are also reminded to ensure they comply with the Total Farm Water Balance Policy, with regard to the total farm water use on their landholding/s. The use of other sources of water (eg deep bore groundwater or river water) is included in total farm water use figures for each landholding. Copies of the Rice Growing Policy and Total Farm Water Balance Policy are available on the website in the *Customers* section. For further information regarding these policies contact Penny Sloane, Compliance Supervisor, on T. 03 5888 3015.

Murray Irrigation 2010/11 Operating Plan - The 2010/11 Operating Plan is available on Murray Irrigation's website. The Plan outlines how Murray Irrigation's channel system will be operated this season and includes information on a number of important issues. This includes details of a 2ML Stock and Domestic Deemed Usage Credit provision for unused stock and domestic outlets (applications close at 4:00pm on Thursday 30 September). To download the Plan and the 2ML Application Form go to Murray Irrigation's website www.murrayirrigation.com.au and log on to the *Customers* section.

Rice Pre-season Meetings – Given the high interest in growing rice this season, the NSW Department of Industry and Investment will be holding several Rice Pre-season Meetings for farmers in the local area. For further information, please contact NSW I&I Industry Leader Rice Farming Systems John Lacy on T. (02) 6951 2738.

Where	Date	Venue	Time
Wakool	Wednesday 1 September	Wakool Club	7pm
Deniliquin	Thursday 2 September	Deniliquin RSL	9.15am
Finley	Thursday 2 September	Finley RS Club	1.30pm

Berriquin Irrigators' Council Annual General Meeting – Berriquin Irrigators' Council (BIC) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9 September at the Finley RS Club starting at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Allocation Announcement – The next NSW Office of Water (Murray Valley) allocation announcement is due tomorrow morning.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

ANNOUNCED ALLOCATION

Class C General Security	0%
Class B High Security	70%
Class A Town Water	70%
Maximum (allocation+carryover)	100%
Carryover access	100%
Water Efficiency	0%

WATER EXCHANGE – 8.30am today

To buy water 1300 781 431

Water for sale	2,482 ML
Price Range	\$58-\$350
Buy Offer	\$53
Last 10 Sales	729 ML
Price Range	\$58- \$62

For Water & Delivery

Entitlement price go to

www.murrayirrigation.com.au

CHANNEL FLOWS Today

Mulwala Canal	3,000 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	300 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape flows	100 ML/day

RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION

17/08/10 –31/08/10

Finley rainfall	16.0 mm
Finley evaporation	24.4 mm
Tullakool rainfall	25.4 mm
Tullakool evaporation	27.3 mm

STORAGES – as at 8.30am today

Storage	Volume	% Full
Dartmouth	1,497 GL	37 %
Hume Dam	1,608 GL	53 %
Lake Victoria	469 GL	69 %
Menindee Lakes	1,577 GL	91 %

Source: www.waterinfo.nsw.gov.au

Murray River flow - Lock 1	5,450 ML/day
Darling River flow – Weir 32	207 ML/day
Darling River flow at Wilcannia	6,519 ML/day

Source: www.mdba.gov.au

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