

# **2022-23 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES**

# Effective 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

#### Access Charge (excludes Towns Main Supply and Cudgel Creek)

Connection type	Flow rate	Charge	Notes
Residential	-	\$1,080	Recovers the cost of operating
Unmetered	-	\$1,343	and maintaining outlets to a property. The charge applies
Mechanical Meter	-	\$1,522	for each outlet on the
Low Flow Meter	0-1 ML/day	\$1,738	property. Flow Rate refers to the design
Small Meter	0-6 ML/day	\$1,973	flow rate of the outlet.
Medium Meter	2-15 ML/day	\$2,146	
Medium Large Meter	2-30 ML /day	\$2,637	
Large Meter	2-60ML/day	\$3,047	
Extra Large Meter	2-100ML/day	\$3,420	
Custom Meter	>100ML/day	\$3,917	
Meter only (inc pumping licences)	Variable	\$1,857	

## Network and Usage Charges (excludes Towns Main Supply and Cudgel Creek)

Charge type	Charge	Notes
Customer Account	\$370 inc GST per account	This charge covers the cost of account administration and is applied at the customer account level. A customer with multiple accounts in the same name who receives a single invoice will be considered to have one customer account.
Delivery Entitlement (DE)	\$10.06 per DE	Recovers the cost of operating and maintaining channels and infrastructure.
Usage	\$11.88 per ML	The cost for delivery of water, up to 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements.
	\$21.94 per ML	The cost for delivery of water, where usage is in excess of 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements, up to 120% of Delivery Entitlements (Usage \$11.88 + Delivery Entitlement \$10.06 per ML).
Casual Usage	\$32.91 per ML	Casual Usage applies to water deliveries in excess of 120% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements or where the customer does not hold any Delivery Entitlements. A rebate of \$10.97 per ML will be applied to the Casual Usage charges of customers on parts of the system where no DEs are available to be issued.
Pressurised Supply Systems Energy – Peak & Shoulder Weekdays 7:00am-10:00pm	\$80 to \$380 per ML inc GST	The electricity costs incurred to operate IHS pump stations. The information to determine the Energy charge is based on the location of the pump station, the amount of electricity used, and the time of day it was used. Customers will be billed within the range shown as
<b>Energy – Off-Peak</b> All other times	\$20 to \$95 per ML inc GST	soon as practicable after the end of each half year and Pump station energy charges will be published on MI's website at that time. Customer usage information is available in EasyWater.
Filtration (per ML used)	\$12.83 inc GST	Filtration charges apply to Stanbridge Pump Stations only.

## Government Bulk Water Recovery Charges – for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Bulk Water Charges are regulated State Government charges determined by IPART and passed through to all customers.

	Fixed Charges (per ML of Water Entitlement)		Usage Charges
	High Security	General Security	(per ML of water used)
WaterNSW Charges	\$4.38	\$1.50	\$5.22
Rural Murray Darling Basin Authority Charges	\$1.95	\$0.67	\$0.39
WAMC Murray Darling Basin Authority Charges	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.29
WAMC Charges collected by WaterNSW	\$1.03	\$1.03	\$0.76
Total Charges collected by WaterNSW	\$8.04	\$3.88	\$6.66
<b>Conveyance</b> (recovery of conveyance licence charge, net of the Irrigation Corporation & Districts Rebate)			\$1.61

# Access, Network and Usage Charges – Towns Main Supply and Cudgel Creek

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Category	Customer	Delivery	Usage	Usage	Casual	Notes
	Account	Entitlement	per ML	100-120%*	Usage^	
	per account	per DE		per ML	per ML	
	inc GST					
Towns Main	\$370	\$24.60	\$11.88	-	-	Towns have Special Purpose Access Licences with
Supply						higher access priority than other customers.
Cudgel Creek	\$370	\$4.59	\$11.88	\$13.86	\$20.79	Customers along Cudgel Creek receive only
-						limited offtake services.

\*The cost for delivery of water, where usage is in excess of 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements, up to 120% of Delivery Entitlements ^Casual Usage charge is applied to water deliveries in excess of 120% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements or where the customer does not hold any Delivery Entitlements

# **Prudent Discounts**

Prudent discounts are applied to some customers that are able to pump directly from the Murrumbidgee River and would not otherwise use our services. Prudent discounts lower the fixed costs for all customers by increasing network utilisation and revenue for the business.

Usage charges		
Usage 18,905 – 28,905ML	\$19.65 per ML	
Usage ≥28,906ML	\$18.49 per ML	

# **Environmental Watering – NSW Environment & Heritage Group only**

Customer Account	Conveyance Contribution	Usage	Asset Maintenance
per account inc GST	per DE	(water delivery charge only)	
\$370	0.2 ML per ML delivered	\$11.88	At cost + GST

# **Other Charges**

Charge type	Charge
Garden Licence – Small (includes up to 2ML water allocation) Garden Licence – Large (includes up to 4ML water allocation) Delivery of water for household or domestic use only Tanker Fill – filling of a water tanker direct from water source Drainage Reuse Licence Licences were formerly issued to customers on drains flowing south from the area of operations and outflowing to the Murrumbidgee	\$1,969 per annum \$2,579 per annum A discount of 50% is applied for licences installed after 1 January 2023. \$60 per load \$7.41 per ML (minimum \$230 per water year)
River. No new licences are issued. Locking and Unlocking of Unmetered Supply for Water Allocation transfer	\$99 inc GST per application
Water Usage Outlet Investigation	\$297 inc GST per investigation
Waste Water Discharge Application Renewal Incident investigation Incident investigation - Labour (per hour) Incident investigation - Laboratory	Waste Water is defined in MI's Drainage Use Rules \$990 inc GST per application \$792 inc GST per annum \$396 inc GST per incident At cost + GST At cost + GST, capped at \$12,500 inc GST
Connection Disconnection	Physical connection/disconnection of the customer to/from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation network. The costs will be determined at the time of connection or disconnection on a case by case basis depending on location and engineering requirements. Customers will be advised of the costs prior to the commencement of Works.
Capital contribution to infrastructure	A capital contribution made by a customer participating in an expansion project, in exchange for receiving additional flow rate share. The additional flow rate share will be in proportion to the capital contribution. The cost for each ML of additional flow rate share will be published prior to invoicing.
<b>Interest</b> - Charged on accounts from the date which the debt becomes due	Interest on overdue accounts is charged at the post judgment interest rate set by the NSW Supreme Court. For debts under agreed payment arrangements, interest is charged at the pre judgment interest rate set by the NSW Supreme Court.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### This Schedule of Charges should be read in conjunction with our Schedule of Fees, our Water Entitlements and Water Delivery Contracts and the Charges Rules - all of which are available on our website

The Schedule of Charges is valid for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. This is the date from which each individual charge applies unless otherwise specified.

#### How are the charges determined?

Murrumbidgee Irrigation's cost base is largely fixed and relates to the size and number of infrastructure assets we own and maintain. We run our 3,500km of supply and drainage infrastructure as an integrated network which means that customer charges do not vary based on location. Our access and network charges are essentially based on the size and number of assets and customer connections.

Capital contributions charges for expansion projects are determined by taking into account the market value of delivery entitlements on that system, as well as calculating the total capital cost of the project, less the portion underwritten by Murrumbidgee Irrigation and apportioning it per ML of flow rate share available. The capital costs underwritten by Murrumbidgee Irrigation are calculated using board approved parameters to ensure a benefit to all customers.

Our Board reviews our pricing structure annually and periodically undertakes an independent economic analysis of cost drivers and network costs. Customer participation is invited throughout this process.

Feedback on our network services is welcome at any time by contacting us. This feedback helps us to identify areas for network development, reconfiguration or retirement and to prioritise our asset management program.

#### Government bulk water recovery charges

The Government bulk water recovery charges relate to the Murrumbidgee Regulated River and the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016. Murrumbidgee Irrigation may recover these charges under the Water Entitlements Contract and the Water Delivery Contract. MI recovers the cost of the NSW Government's contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. MI also recovers the costs of on-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW. The Conveyance charge is a charge to recover the water conveyance licence charge levied by WaterNSW on Murrumbidgee Irrigation, net of the Irrigation Corporation & Districts Rebate.

#### When are my charges due?

- Access, Customer Account, Delivery Entitlement, Government Bulk Water Recovery Charges and Unmetered Usage charges are billed annually in arrears in May.
- Usage charges are billed annually in arrears in July.
- Energy charges are billed biannually in arrears once MI has received the relevant information from the energy supplier.
- Garden Licences are billed annually in advance or upon initial installation.
- Capital contribution charges require a deposit upon executing an agreement and the balance payable within 28 days after issue of a final invoice at completion of the works.
- Other charges are billed at the time of provision of the service.
- Interest on overdue accounts is charged from the date the debt becomes due. Interest accrues daily and is charged monthly.

Customers experiencing difficulty paying a bill by the due date should contact us on 02 6962 0200. Payment arrangement options are available.

#### What if I have a question about the charges or my bill?

Questions and enquiries are always welcome and can be made via:

- email info@mirrigation.com.au
- phone 02 6962 0200
- letter Locked Bag 6010 Griffith NSW 2680

or at either of our Hanwood or Leeton Offices.

In the event of a dispute over charges, resolution mechanisms are outlined in our Contracts, which include mediation and expert determination.