



PIOP early works

Murray Irrigation's Board of Directors last week approved a Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIOP) package of early works. These works will be implemented during the winter shut down period and will:

- Replace channel offtake structures along the Mulwala Canal from Lake Mulwala to the Edward River Escape near Deniliquin and along the Berrigan Canal down to and including the Billabong Canal offtake.
- Upgrade, relocate or remove existing Dethridge outlets along these sections of canals.

The works will include the installation of technology that will allow remote control and/or automation of both the offtakes and outlets.

Letters have been sent to customers with outlets on these systems. Direct customer consultation will commence in April.

For more information, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Surplus delivery entitlements

Customers are reminded that delivery entitlements can be bought and sold from the Murray Irrigation Exchange. Customers with delivery entitlements surplus to their requirements are encouraged to consider listing delivery entitlements for sale. Murray Irrigation has been contacting customers with surplus delivery entitlements encouraging them to do so.

The third quarter account will be based on meter readings taken on Monday 8 April. Customers have until **5.00pm Friday 12 April** to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee (which applies where water use is greater than 120 percent of delivery entitlements on a landholding or consolidated account).

Details of the volume of water used and whether your landholding or consolidated account requires delivery entitlements to be transferred to offset the Casual Usage Fee is available from the 'Customer Login' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

For further information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

New water ordering system trial

Murray Irrigation has started testing internet and smartphone water ordering as part of the rollout of our new water ordering system. The

new system is being trialled by our Blighty Remote Control Pilot project area customers before a rollout to all customers at the start of the 2013/14 irrigation season.

For further information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Community bus tours

Community members are invited on a final bus tour to inspect the completed structures of the Koondrook-Perricoota (KP) Flood Enhancement Project on Sunday 21 April 2013. A bus will leave from the KP Info Centre in Barham at 9.00am with a pick-up at the Bunnaloo Community Centre at 10.00am. For more information, or to book a seat, call Jamie Hearn at the Murray CMA on M. 0447 420 789 or Peter McDonald at Forests NSW on M. 0407 782 628.

Deni Innovation Expo

The Deni Innovation Expo is being held on Friday 3 May and Saturday 4 May. A breakfast will be held to start the event. It will include a 'farm forum' where a panel made up of farmers and industry experts will discuss how they see the future of farming in the year 2020. For more information on the event, visit www.deniinnovationexpo.org.au or call T. 03 5881 3010.

Easter office closures

Murray Irrigation offices will be closed over the Easter long weekend from 5.00pm Thursday 28 March and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 April. Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone service will remain open over the break and water deliveries are not affected.

Channel Attendants and Regional Planners will be working as normal. To contact the Planners, call reception on T. 03 5898 3300 and leave a message. The emergency number (T. 1300 657 313) is to be used after-hours only.

Talking Water will be sent out to customers on Wednesday 3 April. There will be no 'On The Land' radio program next week.

Murray Irrigation wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Anthony Couroupis
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	100 %
Class B High Security	100 %
Class A Town Water	100 %
Water Efficiency Allocation	7 %

Water availability & usage

(26/03/13)	
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	24%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	221 GL
On-Farm Usage	1,111 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	1,031 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today	
Water for Sale	6,898 ML
Price Range	\$55 - \$95
Buy Offer	\$48
Last 10 Sales	740 ML
Price Range	\$50 - \$55

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today	
Mulwala Canal	3,900 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	715 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,000 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

12/03/13 – 26/03/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	15.2mm	86.3mm
Tullakool	0.8mm	91.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth	3,625 GL	94 %
Hume	1,513 GL	50 %
Lake Victoria	214 GL	32 %
Menindee Lakes	983 GL	57 %
Active Storage	6,335 GL	68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Jingellic	3,196 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	1,844 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	12,646 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	9,110 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	1,619 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	382 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	10,405 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,761 ML/d
Flow to SA	8,857 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.63 m
Murray to the Sea	2 gates open

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