

Talking Water

Tuesday 9 April 2013



Murray Irrigation

End of season arrangements

Murray Irrigation intends closing its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes between Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 14 May due to a combination of factors, including the successful delivery of its PIIOP early works program.

Water deliveries into May will depend on customer demand. Customers are requested to place start and finish orders for outlets where they intend to use water between 30 April and 14 May.

Orders should be placed **prior to Friday 26 April**. The placement of orders will assist Murray Irrigation determine demand for irrigation deliveries after 30 April and will help inform actual offtake closure dates.

It is important to note that all water delivered prior to 14 May will be accounted for as on allocation water.

For more information contact our Planners via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

PIIOP 2013 Early Works

Murray Irrigation is commencing customer consultation to assess outlet options for certain landholding(s) connected to the Mulwala and Berrigan Canals.

There are approximately 110 customers involved in the PIIOP 2013 early works and we expect our consultation to take six weeks.

A letter has been mailed to customers which provides further information and to advise that a Murray Irrigation staff member will be in contact to arrange a suitable time to work through the outlet assessment process.

For further information please contact Adrian Smith, Customer Consultation Supervisor via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

DE trade and the casual usage fee

Southern Riverina Irrigators' (SRI) Chairman Denis Tinkler has sought the inclusion of the following information about delivery entitlements and the casual usage fee.

A number of customers are looking to purchase delivery entitlements on the annual market to avoid being charged the casual usage fee. Customers can either pay the casual usage fee or purchase delivery entitlements on the annual market to avoid being charged this fee. SRI encourages customers to assess their own situation to establish whether it is more cost effective for them to purchase

delivery entitlements or pay the casual usage fee.

The following information will assist with this assessment;

- The casual usage fee applies when water use exceeds 120 percent of delivery entitlements held by the customer.
- Each delivery entitlement provides for 1.2ML of water use at the standard usage charge.
- An example of the price at which the cost of purchasing delivery entitlements equals the cost of paying the casual usage fee for water use above 100ML (i.e. tier 3 pricing) is provided below;
 - The price is equal to the casual usage fee minus the standard usage fee per ML multiplied by 1.2.
 - o \$18.75/ML minus \$5.30/ML equals \$13.45, multiplied by 1.2 equals \$16.14 per delivery entitlement.
 - If the customer receives the 10 percent discount for on time payment of quarterly accounts, these figures become \$16.14 multiplied by 0.9 which equals \$14.53 per delivery entitlement.
 - There is a purchase fee of \$20 and a seller listing fee of \$60 for the Murray Irrigation Exchange.
 - There are sufficient delivery entitlements held by customers to match forecast water use.

For further information please contact Murray Irrigation's Water Trade staff via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Third quarter accounts

A reminder that customers have until **5.00pm Friday 12 April** to transfer delivery entitlements in order to avoid the casual usage fee. Delivery entitlements can be bought and sold from the Murray Irrigation Exchange.

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

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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

(09/04/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	20%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	188 GL
On-Farm Usage.....	1,148 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	1,069 GL
Off-Allocation Usage.....	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	6,565 ML
Price Range.....	\$57 - \$100
Buy Offer	\$37
Last 10 Sales	491 ML
Price Range.....	\$58 - \$59

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	3,450 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal.....	.694 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows.....	400 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

27/03/13 – 09/04/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	9.4mm.....	64.1mm
Tullakool	5.6mm.....	61.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	3,588 GL.....	93 %
Hume.....	1,449 GL.....	48 %
Lake Victoria.....	196 GL.....	29 %
Menindee Lakes	1,157 GL.....	67 %
Active Storage.....	6,390 GL.....	68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	4,158 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	4,150 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point.....	12,336 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	6,985 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....	896 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald	598 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	16,659 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	3,999 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	7,260 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.73 m
Murray to the Sea	2 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
2QN.**