

Talking Water

Tuesday 16 April 2013



Murray Irrigation

End of season arrangements

Customers intending to use water between Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 14 May inclusive are reminded that orders should be placed on or before **5.00pm Friday 26 April**. Placing an order will assist Murray Irrigation determine demand for irrigation deliveries after 30 April and inform actual offtake closure dates. Customers are asked to include a finish date with their order.

At this stage, Murray Irrigation is considering closing its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes before Tuesday 14 May due to a combination of factors, including the successful delivery of its Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) early works program. **Water deliveries into May will depend on customer demand.**

It is important to note that all water delivered prior to Tuesday 14 May will be accounted for as on allocation water. For more information, contact our Planners via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Annual trade

Interstate allocation trade from the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Valleys will cease at the end of April. Forms must be submitted to Murray Irrigation by **Monday 29 April**. This is necessary as late trades (May-June) into South Australia reduce water availability to NSW general security users in the following year, under the rules of the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. Allocation trade within the NSW Murray and Lower Darling will close at the end of May. More detail of trade closure in May will be provided in a future *Talking Water*. All allocation trade will resume on Monday 1 July.

These dates apply to trades **both into and from** Murray Irrigation's licence. For more information, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section under 'Latest News' on Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

PIIOP 2013 Early Works

Murray Irrigation is inviting tenders for the civil construction work of our PIIOP 2013 Early Works program. A copy of the tender, along with supporting documents, can be found on our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au (click on 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and Tenders').

Customers along the Mulwala and Berrigan Canals are also now receiving visits from the PIIOP customer consultation team to begin discussions on their metered outlets which will be installed in the early works program.

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

PIIOP recruitment

Murray Irrigation is presently seeking to fill two positions to assist delivery of our PIIOP program, over four years. The company is seeking both a Civil Engineering Construction Manager and a Project Engineer. Applications for both positions close at 5.00pm Tuesday 30 April. Full details can be found on our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au (click on 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and Tenders'), or by calling reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

March summary

River Murray system inflows for March 2013 totalled around 150GL, which is below the long-term average for March of 220GL and well below last year's record March inflow of almost 2,300GL. These system inflows exclude Snowy and Darling inflows, as well as inter-valley trades and managed environmental inflows from tributaries.

NSW Farmers' Association seminars

The NSW Farmers' Association will be holding a seminar in Finley next month, focusing on Industrial Relations issues for dairy farmers. The workshop will be held at the Finley RS Club from 10.00am on Thursday 2 May. Entry to the seminar is free for NSW Farmers' Association members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, contact the NSW Farmers' Association on T. 02 9478 1000, or visit: www.nswfarmers.org.au/industrial/events.

Deni Innovation Expo

The Deni Innovation Expo is being held on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 May at the Murray Valley Industry Park on Todds Lane, Deniliquin. It will feature over 100 combined agricultural exhibitors, including machinery, dairy, irrigators and solar, wind and water energy companies.

The Expo will showcase the National Broadband Network (NBN), agricultural accredited training and a Driver Education Centre of Australia (DECA) Drive Simulator, as well as the latest in agricultural technology and innovation. For more information, call T. 03 5881 3010 or visit: www.deniinnovationexpo.org.au.

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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

(16/04/13)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements18%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 171 GL
On-Farm Usage..... 1,169 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 1,090 GL
Off-Allocation Usage..... 79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale8,108 ML
Price Range \$54 - \$100
Buy Offer \$50
Last 10 Sales647 ML
Price Range \$50 - \$54
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 3,550 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 775 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows..... 600 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

02/04/13 – 16/04/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	65.1mm
Tullakool	0.4mm	57.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,577 GL.....93 %
Hume.....1,427 GL.....47 %
Lake Victoria.....202 GL.....30 %
Menindee Lakes1,204 GL.....70 %
Active Storage.....6,410 GL.....69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic5,936 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 936 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point..... 12,215 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,281 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....926 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 878 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 19,738 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 5,447 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 7,380 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.70 m
Murray to the Sea 8 gates open

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