

Talking Water

Tuesday 23 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 this Friday 26 April**. Assessment of demand for irrigation in early May will be based on orders placed on or before this date and will be used to determine the exact offtake closure date(s).

It is important that customers include a finish order on outlets for which orders have already been placed, or that are currently irrigating. This assists Murray Irrigation to estimate the volume of water likely to be delivered after April 30.

Murray Irrigation will confirm the offtake closure date(s) and end of season arrangements in *Talking Water* on Tuesday 30 April with the intention of giving customers sufficient notice of the closure.

Customers are reminded that all water deliveries up to Tuesday 14 May will be accounted as on allocation water. For more information, contact our Planners via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Annual trade

Customers are reminded that all forms for the interstate trade of allocation water into and out of the NSW Murray valley must be submitted to Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Monday 29 April**.

Allocation trade within the NSW Murray and Lower Darling will close at the end of May. Internal trade within Murray Irrigation will also close late May. All allocation trade will resume on Monday 1 July. For more information, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section under 'Latest News' on Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

PIIOP recruitment

Murray Irrigation is presently seeking to fill a number of positions to assist delivery of our PIIOP program, over four years. The company is seeking two Customer Consultation Officers. Applications for both positions close at 5.00pm Monday 13 May.

We are also seeking a Civil Engineering Construction Manager and a Project Engineer, with applications for these positions closing 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.

Environmental watering projects

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage has produced two short videos about environmental watering projects conducted in the local region during the 2012/13 irrigation season. Environmental watering in the Cockran, Jimaringle and Gwynnes Creek systems in the Edward-Wakool area have achieved significant ecological benefits, while providing environmental pulses down the Tuppall Creek has seen native flora and fauna bounce back after years of stress. In both cases, Murray Irrigation infrastructure was used to deliver environmental water.

To view videos about the Jimaringle and Tuppall Creek waterings, visit: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/environmentalwater/enwatermurraylowerdarlingupdate.htm

Deni Innovation Expo next week

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. For more information, call T. 03 5881 3010 or visit: www.deniinnovationexpo.org.au.

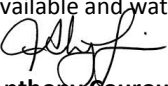
Plan4Risk Workshop

Murray Dairy is holding a 'Plan4Risk Workshop' at Club Mulwala early next month. The workshop will be held over two days, starting at 5.00pm on Thursday 9 May and will help dairy farmers make better farm decisions under volatile operating conditions.

Speakers include Steve Little and Gordon Cleary from Agrilink Farmstats, Michael Cashen from NSW Department of Primary Industries and Courtney Gronow from Udder Business. Cost is \$130 per business. Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday 26 April by calling Troy Mauger on M. 0417 870 038 or email troy@murraydairy.com.au.

ANZAC Day office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed this Thursday 25 April, for the ANZAC Day public holiday. Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone purchasing facility will remain available and water deliveries are not affected.


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

(23/04/13)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements 17%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 157 GL
On-Farm Usage 1,188 GL
Comprising:
On-Allocation Usage 1,109 GL
Off-Allocation Usage 79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 5,835 ML
Price Range \$58 - \$100
Buy Offer \$47
Last 10 Sales 708 ML
Price Range \$53 - \$58
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today
Mulwala Canal 3,650 ML/day
Capacity 10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal 856 ML/day
Capacity 2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows 500 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

09/04/13 – 23/04/13 Rain Evap
Finley 1.3mm 58.4mm
Tullakool 1.0mm 53.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,576 GL 93 %
Hume 1,396 GL 46 %
Lake Victoria 214 GL 32 %
Menindee Lakes 1,243 GL 72 %
Active Storage 6,429 GL 69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Jingellic 5,983 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon 761 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point 10,630 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 6,891 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 898 ML/d
M' Bidgee d/s Balranald 269 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia 19,314 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 6,335 ML/d
Flow to SA 7,454 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge 0.59 m
Murray to the Sea 19 gates open

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