

Talking Water

Tuesday 7 May 2013



Murray Irrigation

End of season arrangements

Murray Irrigation will release a special *Talking Water* detailing end of season arrangements on Wednesday 8 May.

The company will close its Mulwala and Wakool offtakes at 8.00am on **Tuesday 14 May** and will commence drainage from channels linked to accredited escapes at this time.

Orders should be placed via the water ordering line on T. 1300 781 431.

For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant directly. Alternatively, you can contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Winter stock and domestic requirements

All Murray Irrigation customers are reminded to consider their winter stock and domestic requirements and to make arrangements to fill dams where required **before** the offtakes are closed for the season. Once the offtakes are closed there is no guarantee of delivery. For more information contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Blighty Pilot Project survey

Murray Irrigation has contracted Helen Bartley of Bartley Consulting to complete a telephone survey of customers in the Blighty Pilot area. These customers should have received a letter from Murray Irrigation about the survey.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and the data collected will be anonymous. The feedback you provide will help Murray Irrigation determine the best options for upgrading channel control structures and outlets to other customers.

Customers are encouraged to participate in this survey. For more information, contact Catharine Heffernan, Communications Supervisor, via reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Water allocation account balances

Customers are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining positive balances in their water allocation account when irrigating. Outlets will be finished when account balances reach zero and orders may be required to wait up to four days for delivery.

Carryover

Customers are reminded that carryover capacity has been issued equivalent to 50 percent of Class C water entitlements. Any unused water allocation up to this amount will be automatically carried over to the 2013/14 season. Please check account balances early and ensure that unused allocation at the end of May will be within carryover capacity for each individual landholding or account.

Customers are also encouraged to consider carrying over at least 10 percent of water entitlements to maximise water availability next season.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts for 2012/13 were distributed to customers last week. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 03 5898 3300. Accounts are due by **5.00pm Friday 31 May**. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid before this date.

Water Technology Irrigation Expo

This year's Water Technology Cluster (WTC) Irrigation Expo is being held at the Shepparton Showgrounds on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 May. Doors open 9.00am to 4.00pm daily.

The event is a unique irrigation focused expo, supporting modernisation and the on-farm efficiency programs. It will also focus on water and energy savings on-farm and brings together manufacturers, farmers and government agencies under one big roof to showcase new technology and advise on irrigation systems. For more information, visit the WTC Irrigation Expo website: www.wtcexpo.com.au.

Micro Irrigation Field Day

Murray Irrigation is holding a Micro Irrigation Field Day on Friday 24 May. It will be held from 12.30pm at Stillard's property 'Marboc' (on Barooga-Mulwala Road).

The field day will look at installation of micro irrigation on soybeans and lucerne. Our guest speaker is Jeremy Giddings from the NSW Department of Primary Industries. A barbecue lunch will be provided. For more information, contact reception on T. 03 5898 3300, or visit: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/special/on-farm-irrigation-efficiency/.

Jennifer McLeod
Acting 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

(07/05/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	13%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	122 GL
On-Farm Usage	1,234 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	1,155 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	3,183 ML
Price Range	\$62 - \$100
Buy Offer	\$56
Last 10 Sales	163 ML
Price Range	\$60 - \$64

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	2,400 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	560 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	0 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

23/04/13 - 07/05/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	1.5mm	44.5mm
Tullakool	0.8mm	39.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,571 GL	93 %
Hume	1,329 GL	44 %
Lake Victoria	272 GL	40 %
Menindee Lakes	1,276 GL	74 %
Active Storage	6,448 GL	69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	2,267 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoon	486 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	5,711 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	4,915 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	935 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	357 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	3,343 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	7,414 ML/d
Flow to SA	5,239 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.51 m
Murray to the Sea	25 gates open

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