

TalkingWater

Tuesday 14 May 2013



Murray Irrigation

Offtakes closed

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool offtakes at 8.00am this morning. The company has commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes.

On-allocation deliveries will continue for all outlets not associated with accredited escapes on an opportunistic basis until **Monday 20 May**. Outlets associated with accredited escapes will have limited access to water. Off-allocation deliveries will commence for all outlets on **Monday 20 May** on an opportunistic basis.

Orders for both on-allocation and off-allocation water are to be made on the water ordering line on T. 1300 781 431.

For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant directly.

NOW seeks up-to-date information

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) is currently updating its water management computer models which are used to assess the impacts of current and future water management practises on water users and the environment.

NOW is asking irrigators to spare a few minutes to answer a simple online questionnaire about their current on-farm water use and activities, which will provide updated data for use in predictive water modelling. The survey is confidential and individual farmers cannot be identified.

To participate in the survey, visit: www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Modelling/IQQM. The survey closes on Monday 17 June.

Update on Basin Plan

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) has undertaken a series of meetings over the past few months with key water dependant stakeholder groups to provide updates on a variety of issues, particularly the NSW Government's negotiations for the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. A summary update of the NSW Government's position and the status of those negotiations is available on the NOW website: www.water.nsw.gov.au/mdb. Click on the 'Murray-Darling Basin Plan' link.

Private Wetlands Watering Project

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is intending to conduct a wetlands watering project in Murray Irrigation's area of operations this spring (allocation permitting). The project provides adaptive environmental

water to help improve and/or maintain biodiversity values of wetlands located on private properties.

Landholders interested in participating in this project should complete an Expression of Interest form, available from the 'Current activities' section of Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or from reception on T. 03 5898 3300.

Forms must be submitted to OEH by 5.00pm Friday 14 June. For further information please contact OEH Project Officer Emma Wilson on T. 02 6022 0617, M. 0418 962 697.

Quarterly accounts due

Customers are reminded that Murray Irrigation third quarter 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 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 the Barooga-Mulwala Road).

The field day will look at installation of micro irrigation on soybeans and lucerne, as well as pumping with natural gas.

Our guest speaker is Jeremy Giddings from the NSW Department of Primary Industries. A barbecue lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Felicity Steel on T. 03 5888 3012, or visit: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/special/on-farm-irrigation-efficiency/.

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

(14/05/13)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements	12%
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)	
On-Farm Balance	106 GL
On-Farm Usage	1,251 GL
Comprising:	
On-Allocation Usage	1,172 GL
Off-Allocation Usage	79 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale	1,880 ML
Price Range	\$69 - \$80
Buy Offer	\$50
Last 10 Sales	269 ML
Price Range	\$65 - \$69

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Channel flows

Today

Mulwala Canal	0 ML/day
Capacity	10,000 ML/day
Wakool Canal	0 ML/day
Capacity	2,350 ML/day
Total Escape Flows	1,850 ML/day

Rainfall & evaporation

30/04/13 – 14/05/13	Rain	Evap
Finley	6.0mm	40.0mm
Tullakool	2.0mm	36.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	3,571 GL	93 %
Hume	1,340 GL	45 %
Lake Victoria	314 GL	46 %
Menindee Lakes	894 GL	52 %
Active Storage	6,119 GL	66 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Jingellic	3,659 ML/d
Mitta Mitta @ Tallandoo	2,487 ML/d
Murray @ Doctors Point	2,462 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	1,811 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge	949 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	309 ML/d
Darling @ Wilcannia	2,536 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	6,078 ML/d
Flow to SA	5,187 ML/d
Murray @ Murray Bridge	0.61 m
Murray to the Sea	9 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521
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