

Talking Water

Tuesday 15 April 2014



Murray Irrigation

End of irrigation season planning

Murray Irrigation currently intends closing its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am on Monday 12 May. The recent widespread rain has reduced irrigation demand. Customers intending to irrigate before, on or after Monday 12 May should place orders by 5.00pm Wednesday 30 April. Please note that all water deliveries after Monday 12 May will be opportunistic only. Our assessment of demand for irrigation in early May will be based on orders placed and will be used to determine the exact offtake closure date(s).

More detailed information about our end of season arrangements will be provided via a *Special Talking Water*, to be issued by the end of April.

Annual trade

Interstate allocation trade to or from South Australia or Victoria will cease at the end of April. Forms must be submitted to Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Tuesday 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.

Use of drainage system

Customers are required to contact Murray Irrigation **prior** to discharging water into our drainage system. Murray Irrigation requires this information in order to manage the drainage system efficiently. Any drainage slides found open without approval may be closed by Murray Irrigation. Forms can be accessed via Murray Irrigation's website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General Forms'. For further information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round Four letters

Letters informing customers of the outcome of their *Expression of Interest* for Round Four of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program were sent out last week. Details of who to contact regarding enquiries are included in the letter.

Further details for successful Round Four applicants will be included in next week's *Talking Water*.

MILCast Storeman

Murray Irrigation has an immediate vacancy for a motivated person to join our

Finley MILCast team as a Storeman. Applications close 5.00pm next Tuesday 22 April. Applicants may download a copy of the job advertisement and Role Statement via the 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Rice industry positions

The Rice Extension Management Committee (REMC) is currently seeking Rice Industry Extension Officers in both the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys. Reporting to the industry's extension coordinator, these roles cover a broad range of responsibilities and have a high degree of autonomy.

The REMC is also seeking applicants for its Rice Industry Graduate Program. The program is a structured and experiential 12 months that provides a way to earn while learning about the rice industry.

For more information on any of these three positions, including eligibility and selection criteria, contact the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia Inc. on T. 02 6953 0433 or email rga@rga.org.au. Applications close 5.30pm Wednesday 7 May.

Easter office closures

Murray Irrigation offices will be closed over Easter long weekend from 5.00pm Thursday 17 April and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 22 April.

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone and internet services will remain open over the break. Water deliveries are not affected, with Channel Attendants and Regional Planners working as normal. To contact the Planners, call reception on T. 1300 138 265 and leave a message. Our system forwards the message to the Planner on duty who will get back to you. The emergency number (T. 1300 657 313) is to be used after-hours only.

Talking Water will be sent to customers on Wednesday 23 April. There will be no 'On The Land' radio program next week.

Murray Irrigation wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Anthony Couroupis,
General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100%
Water Efficiency Allocation 9 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(15/04/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 24 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 213 GL
On-Farm Usage 908 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of .. 88 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 9,305 ML
Price Range \$53 - \$149
Buy Offer \$50
Yesterday's Sales 752 ML
Price Range \$54 - \$59
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

08/04/14 – 14/04/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 20; 3,390ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 3; 4,631ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 44; 7,972ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 49ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade -4,744ML (week) +11,563ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 4GL (49% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	300	10,000
Wakool Canal	150	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

08/04/14 – 14/04/14 Rain Evap
Finley 85.1mm 22.4mm
Tullakool 43.0mm 13.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,425 GL 89 %
Hume 1,122 GL 37 %
Lake Victoria 412 GL 61 %
Menindee Lakes 389 GL 22 %
Active Storage 5,348 GL 58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 2,324 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 5,998 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,754 ML/d
M'Bidgiee d/s Balranald 298 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 322 ML/d
Flow to SA 8,436 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 11 gates open

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