

Talking Water

Tuesday 29 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. Customers intending to irrigate before, on or after Monday 12 May should place orders by **5.00pm this Wednesday 30 April**.

Customers are also asked to consider their winter stock and domestic water requirements and to make arrangements to fill dams where required before the offtakes are closed. 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).

Please note that all water deliveries on or after Monday 12 May will be accounted as off allocation water. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round Four workshops

Murray Irrigation is hosting a series of Round Four On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) workshops **this week**. The workshops will explain the requirements for customers' Stage Two Applications.

Dates and venues are as follows, with each workshop starting at 10.00am and finishing by 1.00pm:

- Wednesday 30 April, Wakool Services Club;
- Thursday 1 May, Deniliquin Coach House Hotel;
- Friday 2 May, Finley Bowling Club.

Information will be presented at these workshops outlining the requirements of the next stage and the deadlines to meet. Information packs will be provided to applicants. It is vital that applicants attend these workshops. For more information contact OFIEP Administration Officer, Aimee Snowden, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Independent director recruitment

Murray Irrigation has commenced the process to recruit a replacement for current independent director, Tony Read, whose term of office expires at the conclusion of the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

The company is seeking an independent non-executive director with a strong background in civil engineering, project management and the use of contemporary

IT systems for controlling substantial infrastructure.

Expressions of interest are sought from experienced engineering professionals within either industry or consulting, capable of making a significant contribution to the Board. A strong understanding of agriculture and/or agribusiness is considered important.

To make a confidential enquiry, contact Hinton Talent Solutions on T. 03 9631 5200.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts for 2013/14 will be distributed to customers later this week. If you do not receive an invoice by early next week, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265. Accounts are due by 5.00pm Friday 30 May. To be eligible for the 10 percent discount, all accounts must be paid on or before this date.

Interstate annual trade closure

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 today, Tuesday 29 April**.

Rice videos now available

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA), with assistance from SunRice, has produced a series of videos that tell the story of the Australian rice industry, from planting right through to milling and then how it is packaged before ending up on supermarket shelves. The videos can be viewed by visiting:

www.rga.org.au/education/the-story-of-rice.aspx.

Emerging Leaders Program

The Department of Primary Industries Rural Support Program is holding an Emerging Leaders Program, starting next month. The program aims to empower and develop leaders and emerging leaders in rural communities. It will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Tuesday 10 June.

For more information, visit:

www.murray.ils.nsw.gov.au/resource-hub/events and click on 'Emerging Leaders Program'.

Anthony Gouroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100%
Water Efficiency Allocation 11 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(29/04/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 24 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 210 GL
On-Farm Usage 917 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of ..88 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 8,546 ML
Price Range \$49 - \$149
Buy Offer..... \$40
Yesterday's Sales..... 335 ML
Price Range \$50

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

22/04/14 – 28/04/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 11; 2,142ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 2; 693ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 30; 2,835ML
External sellers (No. & ML).... N/A; N/A

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -5,311ML (week) +3,304ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 6GL (47% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,750	10,000
Wakool Canal	400	2,350
Escape flows	700	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

22/04/14 – 28/04/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.2mm 19.1mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 11.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,423 GL.....89 %
Hume.....1,131 GL.....38 %
Lake Victoria.....419 GL.....62 %
Menindee LakesN/A.....N/A
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 2,944 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 2,256 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge995 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 185 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....242 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 5,324 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 11 gates open

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