

TalkingWater

Tuesday 13 May 2014



Murray Irrigation

Offtakes closed

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am yesterday and has commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes.

Off-allocation deliveries have commenced on an opportunistic basis. Please place orders for off-allocation water via the water ordering line on T. 1300 781 431, or via the *Water ordering* system: water.murrayirrigation.com.au.

For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant.

Annual trade closure dates

Customers are advised of the following dates for the close of annual trade:

- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received by **5.00pm Thursday 29 May**
- Murray Water Exchange – closes at **5.00pm on Friday 6 June**
- Internal annual trade – closes at **5.00pm on Friday 13 June**. Customers who need to transfer water between accounts for the purpose of managing carryover must do so by this date.

Access to supplementary water

We have recently received some enquiries from customers about whether supplementary water from a Supplementary Water Access Licence owned by an individual can be used within Murray Irrigation. Supplementary water may be annually transferred to Murray Irrigation for use by a customer in addition to any Murray Irrigation off-allocation use during a supplementary water event. However, there are conditions on when an annual transfer will be approved by Murray Irrigation.

The primary condition is that the annual transfer would not be approved where the transfer would reduce another Murray Irrigation customer's access to off-allocation. Customers also need to be aware that annual transfers from supplementary water licences are subject to NSW Office of Water and State Water policies. For further information, contact Water Trade staff, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Round Four OFIEP

Eligible customers are reminded Stage Two Application workshops are being held this week. Stage Two Applications for the

OFIEP are due by 5.00pm Friday 23 May. Dates and venues are as follows, with each workshop starting at 10.00am and finishing by 12.00pm:

- Wednesday 14 May, Wakool Services Club;
 - Thursday 15 May, Deniliquin Coach House Hotel;
 - Friday 16 May, Finley Bowling Club.
- For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP winter works

Preparation for the PIIOP 2014 winter works will commence this week, with channel activity, including surveying and tenderer site visits, occurring throughout Divisions 3, 8, 9 and 16. Customers can expect to see a higher level of vehicle activity in these divisions including contractors engaged by Murray Irrigation. For more information, contact Consultation Officer Josh Bode, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Water Act Review Panel announced

The Chair of the National Irrigators' Council (NIC), Gavin McMahon, will join a four-man panel to review the operation of the Water Act 2007. The review is a requirement of the Water Act and the terms of reference, released yesterday, include assessing progress towards meeting the objectives of the Basin Plan and opportunities to reduce or simplify regulatory and reporting requirements.

Management of Menindee Lakes

The NSW Office of Water has released its latest community information communiqué on the management of Menindee Lakes. To view the May issue, visit: www.water.nsw.gov.au.

Native vegetation clearing

The NSW Government recently proposed changes to the way applications for clearing native vegetation may be assessed. Self-assessable Codes of Practice are on public exhibition covering the clearing of isolated paddock trees in a cultivated area, and thinning invasive native species. Landholders are encouraged to provide feedback and submissions via the Office of Environment and Heritage website by Monday **26 May**. For more information, visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/, or call the Murray LLS on T. 03 5880 1416.


Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(13/05/14)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....26 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....227 GL
On-Farm Usage919 GL
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of ..91 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale6,249 ML
Price Range \$51 - \$149
Buy Offer..... \$41
Yesterday's Sales.....788 ML
Price Range\$45 - \$51
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

06/05/14 – 12/05/14
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 8; 2,510ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 3; 2,021ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 30; 4,508ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 23ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade -2,289ML (week) -2,758ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 6GL (45% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	1,888	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

06/05/14 – 12/05/14 Rain Evap
Finley3.0mm 12.6mm
Tullakool.....1.4mm 8.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,431 GL.....89 %
Hume.....1,163 GL.....39 %
Lake Victoria.....444 GL.....66 %
Menindee Lakes374 GL.....22 %
Active Storage.....5,412 GL.....58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,262 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 1,835 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,019 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 306 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....300 ML/d
Flow to SA.....3,525 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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