

# Talking Water

Tuesday 3 June 2014



Murray Irrigation

## PIIOP 2014 winter construction works

PIIOP construction works for the installation of channel regulators and offtakes is commencing this week throughout Divisions 3 and 8. Customers whose landholdings are involved in these works will receive advice this week. The 2014 PIIOP winter works, which also includes parts of divisions 9 and 16, will see an estimated 217 regulators and offtakes upgraded.

Murray Irrigation has engaged CAF Consulting, Ertech, GM Civil and CPE Construction as contractors. Surveying works are also underway in a number of other divisions. For more information, contact Consultation Officer Josh Bode, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Channel draining

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel draining out all escapes in preparation for routine winter maintenance and PIIOP construction works. Any outlets still operating by next Monday 9 June will be finished and final meter readings recorded. For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant.

## Close of annual trade

All internal annual trades close at 5.00pm Friday 13 June, including annual trade of delivery entitlements. Customers seeking to balance carryover volumes are required to complete annual trades by this deadline.

Customers are also encouraged to consider their water usage to the end of the season and ensure they have enough annual delivery entitlements to prevent incurring the Casual usage fee in their fourth quarter (April to June) account.

## Water Exchange closes this week

The Murray Water Exchange closes at 5.00pm this Friday 6 June. Customers whose water use exceeds 120 percent of their delivery entitlements can either pay the Casual usage fee or purchase delivery entitlements on the annual market. For further information or assistance, please contact Murray Irrigation's Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Customer satisfaction survey

Murray Irrigation has engaged Bartley Consulting to conduct a telephone survey with 200 of our irrigation customers. The survey period is from Thursday 12 June to the end of the month. The calls will be

made by Lighthouse Data Collection. The survey should take 15 minutes to complete and answers will be confidential. This survey focuses on customers' experiences in the 2013/14 water year. For more information contact Catharine Heffernan, Communications Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water Recovery Strategy

The Federal Government has released a revised environmental Water Recovery Strategy outlining how water is being recovered to achieve targets under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The strategy shows, assuming all offsets can be achieved under the SDL adjustment mechanism, the Government hopes to reduce buyback to 1,300GL with the remaining volume to be achieved by infrastructure investment. More information is available here:

[www.environment.gov.au/resource/water-recovery-strategy-murray-darling-basin](http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/water-recovery-strategy-murray-darling-basin).

## Riverina Dairy Discussion Group

The Riverina Dairy Discussion Group is meeting at McLean's Farm, Mickles Road, Finley from 10.30am on Tuesday 10 June. Guests need to provide their own lunch and chair. For more information contact Murray Dairy Extension Coordinator, Troy Mauger on M. 0417 870 038.

## Rabbit control field days

Murray Local Land Services (LLS) is hosting a series of rabbit control field days next week. The days will cover practical ways to deal with rabbits, foxes and other pests. Dates, times and venues are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 June – 'Scotsburn Woolshed' Moulamein 12.30pm.
- Wednesday 11 June – 'Barrabool' Conargo 8.00am; 'Belubla' Tocumwal 12.30pm.
- Thursday 12 June - Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve 8.00am; Mathoura Station, Walliston Road, Mathoura 12.30pm.

Contact Murray LLS on T. 03 5881 1055.

## Murray Irrigation offices closed

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 9 June for the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 10 June.

Anthony Couroupis, General Manager

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 100 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 12 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(03/06/14)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 25 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 220 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 924 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation Usage of ..96 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 4,664 ML  
Price Range ..... \$46 - \$149  
Buy Offer..... \$42  
Yesterday's Sales..... 346 ML  
Price Range ..... \$42  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

27/05/14 – 02/06/14  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 22; 3,395ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... N/A; N/A  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 36; 3,295ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 100ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade -975ML (week) -7,289ML (YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm.. 142ML (81% on storage)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

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

## Rainfall and evaporation

27/05/14 – 02/06/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 46.8mm ..... 8.3mm  
Tullakool..... 30.0mm ..... 7.9mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,454 GL.....90 %  
Hume.....1,281 GL.....43 %  
Lake Victoria.....443 GL.....65 %  
Menindee Lakes .....376 GL.....22 %  
Active Storage.....5,554 GL.....60 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 1,942 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 4,564 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,769 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 371 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 141 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 3,001 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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