

# Talking Water

Tuesday 22 July 2014



Murray Irrigation

## Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation intends to open both the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Main offtakes for channel filling purposes at 8.00am on Monday 28 July. We will be performing a modified filling procedure which will mean a longer filling period than normal. If customer demand were to increase, or supplementary water access was announced, Murray Irrigation would be in a good position to accelerate channel filling. More information about channel refilling will be provided in future editions of *Talking Water*.

## PIIOP survey work

Survey work along channels for Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project is currently underway in Division 1 (around Barooga). Survey work is being conducted by CAF Consulting. In most cases, access will be via the same route used by Channel Attendants. For more information, contact the PIIOP team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Fourth quarter accounts

Murray Irrigation's fourth quarter accounts were sent to customers last week with payment due 5.00pm Friday 29 August. All prior season outstanding water accounts will be placed on 'stop supply' at the start of September 2014. Murray Irrigation will be writing to all customers with payment arrangements advising them of our requirements. In 2014/15 customers with outstanding accounts including customers on payment arrangements will not have access to any efficiency allocations or off allocation water until outstanding money is paid. For more information, contact the Finance team, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Delivery and irrigation rights letter

Murray Irrigation will be posting notification letters to customers this week regarding their delivery and irrigation rights. The letter outlines minor changes made to our Transfer Rules Policy and advises landholders of their water entitlements or delivery entitlements held. For more information, contact the Water Trade team via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## 2014/15 Operating Plan

The Murray Irrigation Board of Directors last week endorsed the company's 2014/15 Operating Plan. The Plan is available from our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) or via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## RGA water trade workshops

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA), in conjunction with the Murray Local Land Services, will host a series of Water Trading Workshops in the region this week. Details are as follows:

- Finley RS Club, today, 2.00pm;
- Wakool Services Club, Wednesday 23 July, 9.00am; and
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Wednesday 23 July, 2.00pm.

Customers are encouraged to attend to keep abreast of water availability and trading issues. For more information, contact the RGA on T. 02 6953 0433.

## Berriquin Irrigators' Council AGM

Berriquin Irrigators' Council (BIC) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Finley RS Club from 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 July. For more information, contact BIC Chair Bruce Atkinson on M. 0419 635 417.

## David Harriss thank you dinner

Murray Irrigation is hosting a thank you dinner for former NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss. The dinner will be at the Crossing Café, Deniliquin on Thursday 31 July, at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Shareholders interested in attending are encouraged to book their place. The meal will cost \$50 and replies are essential to Executive Assistant Alison Bult via reception on T.1300 138 265.

## Grain research update

The Grains Research & Development Corporation (GRDC) is holding grain research update meetings in Moama and Griffith next week. The first will be held at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club from 9.00am on Wednesday 30 July, followed by another update meeting at Moama Bowling Club from 9.00am on Thursday 31 July. For details, visit: [www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au).

## All staff function and office closures

Murray Irrigation's Deniliquin office will be closed from noon this Friday 25 July and the Finley and Wakool offices will be closed from 11.00am for an all staff function. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Monday 28 July. Murray Irrigation apologises for any inconvenience.

Jennifer McLeod  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 9 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(22/07/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 34 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 291 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 2,310 ML  
Price Range ..... \$88 - \$120  
Buy Offer..... \$73  
Yesterday's Sales..... 110 ML  
Price Range ..... \$88

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

15/07/14 – 21/07/14

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 4; 17ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 16; 17ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....-200ML (week).....-180ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

## 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

15/07/14 – 21/07/14 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 10.3mm ..... 8.8mm  
Tullakool..... 10.6mm ..... 8.1mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,582 GL.....93 %  
Hume.....1,933 GL.....64 %  
Lake Victoria.....541 GL.....80 %  
Menindee Lakes .....360 GL.....21 %  
Active Storage.....6,416 GL.....69 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 3,947 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 22,546 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...9,029 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,249 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 105 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 5,884 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 20 gates open

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