

Talking Water

Tuesday 29 July 2014



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation opened the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Main Canal offtakes yesterday. We will be performing a modified filling procedure which will mean a longer filling period than normal.

The Wakool Canal is currently being filled using supplementary water. Supplementary water is not currently available at the Mulwala offtake. Murray Irrigation would consider accelerating channel filling on both channels if customer demand were to increase. More information about channel refilling will be provided in future editions of *Talking Water*.

Water ordering system upgrade

Rubicon Water will be conducting a scheduled upgrade on Murray Irrigation's Water ordering system from 11.00am this Thursday 31 July. The system will be down for approximately two to three hours. Customers will not be able to place orders or use the Water Exchange during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP survey work

Survey work along channels for Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project will begin in Division 13 later this week. 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.

Environmental water options

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO) has released the environmental watering options for 2014/15. Where possible, environmental water will be managed to benefit multiple sites to maximise efficient and effective use. In NSW the delivery of water is co-ordinated with the Office of Environment and Heritage and there may be some instances where Murray Irrigation and landholder infrastructure is used to deliver environmental water, subject to agreement by all parties. The CEWO has no plans to trade (sell or buy) water allocations or entitlements in the first quarter of the water year.

More information can be accessed on the CEWO website:

www.environment.gov.au/aggregation/commonwealth-environmental-water-office.

Privacy Policy update

Minor changes have been made to Murray Irrigation's Privacy Policy. This policy describes how Murray Irrigation collects, uses, discloses and manages personal information. It is available from our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Click on 'Corporate' then 'Company policies'. Alternatively, customers can contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 for assistance.

Irrigation farming practice survey

On behalf of the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Irrigated Cropping Council and CSIRO, please find below a link to an Irrigation Farming Practice survey. This survey is being conducted as part of three separate GRDC-funded projects for targeting irrigation in the Southern GRDC region. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and the support of cropping irrigators is imperative to the success of these irrigation projects.

The survey results will update information on current cropping sequences, irrigation infrastructure improvements and constraints to production and help fine-tune research trials over the next two to three years. To complete the survey, visit: www.irrigatedcroppingcouncil.com.au/news/146-irrigation-farming-practice-survey.

Berriquin Irrigators' Council AGM

Berriquin Irrigators' Council (BIC) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Finley RS Club from 7.30pm tomorrow, 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 this 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.

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

(29/07/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 34 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 290 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 3,092 ML
Price Range \$87 - \$120
Buy Offer..... \$80
Yesterday's Sales..... 4 ML
Price Range \$86

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

22/07/14 – 28/07/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 10; 1,308ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 13; 1,308ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....-70ML (week).....-250ML (YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	500	10,000
Wakool Canal	300	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

22/07/14 – 28/07/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.5mm 8.6mm
Tullakool..... 6.4mm 10.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,600 GL.....93 %
Hume.....2,036 GL.....68 %
Lake Victoria.....571 GL.....84 %
Menindee Lakes357 GL.....21 %
Active Storage.....6,564 GL.....71 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 2,845 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 13,102 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...6,918 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,478 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 151 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 14,436 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 21 gates open

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