

Talking Water

Tuesday 5 August 2014



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation commenced channel refilling at the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes on Monday 28 July.

The Wakool Canal is currently being filled using supplementary water. Orders placed by customers can be delivered (where channel levels permit) while downstream channel filling is occurring, provided there is no detrimental impact to the channel filling procedure. Supplementary water is not currently available at the Mulwala offtake.

Diversions on all lateral systems on the Mulwala Canal are planned to commence next Monday 11 August. While channels are being refilled, water orders **may** not be deliverable within the normal four-day notice period. Customers are requested to provide extensive advance notice of delivery requirements by placing an order to assist Murray Irrigation prioritise channel refilling and meet delivery requirements. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP winter works

Murray Irrigation will complete its PIIOP off season program of physical works on in-channel structures this week. The completion will enable channel operation in all divisions by the start of next week. Some ancillary works will continue through to the end of August.

Modified outlet type letters

Murray Irrigation is in the early stages of preparing a tender package to commence installation of outlets in divisions near Finley, through PIIOP. In some cases the type of outlet has been modified from a SlipMeter™ to a FlumeGate™. Where these modifications have occurred, customers will receive a letter this week informing them of this modified outlet type. Following this, a *Notification of Works* letter will be sent to customers informing them in more detail of the proposed construction works.

PIIOP survey work

Survey work along channels for Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project remain in Division 13 this week. Work will return to Division 12 (Dahwilly channels) from next Monday. Survey work is being conducted by CAF Consulting and in most cases, access will be via the same route used by Channel Attendants. For more information, contact the PIIOP team on T. 1300 138 265.

Water ordering system upgrade

The upgrade to Murray Irrigation's *Water ordering* system has been rescheduled to Monday 11 August. The system will be down from 11.00am to approximately 2.00pm. Customers will not be able to place orders or use the Water Exchange during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Allocation announcement

Murray Irrigation's announced allocation for general security (Class C) has increased to 12 percent as a result of the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) announcement on Friday 1 August of a three percent increase in the NSW Murray general security announced allocation.

Herbicide resistance meeting

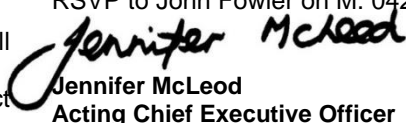
Southern Growers invite all district growers to a herbicide resistance meeting being held on Tuesday 12 August at the Finley RS Club commencing 1.00pm. Speakers will discuss local and regional trends in herbicide resistance and management options. A speaker panel will discuss strategies for local circumstances. A fee of \$10 will apply to cover costs. Contact Phil Snowden on M. 0427 839 217.

Rice direct drilling forum

Rice growers interested in direct drilling their crops are invited to attend a forum where five growers will speak about their experiences in both direct drilling and aerial sowing. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 August, from 10.00am to 12.00pm at the Wakool Services Club. Attendance is free. Please RSVP to John Fowler, Murray LLS, on M. 0427 079 138.

Ryegrass field day

Murray Local Land Services is conducting a ryegrass herbicide resistance field day on Wednesday 13 August. It will take place from 12.30pm at a herbicide resistance trial at the far eastern end of Lindifferon Lane, Deniliquin (follow field day signs). The trial compares weed control efficacy and crop damage from five pre-emergent and/or two post-emergent herbicides. The day will commence with a light lunch before inspecting the trial and discussing the results. For catering purposes, please RSVP to John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.


Jennifer McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 12 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(05/08/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....37 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 312 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,059 ML
Price Range \$99 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$85
Yesterday's Sales..... 100 ML
Price Range \$85
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

29/07/14 – 04/08/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 11; 3,903ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 29; 3,273ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 630ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...+2,245ML (week)...+1,995ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,500	10,000
Wakool Canal	650	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

29/07/14 – 04/08/14 Rain Evap
Finley 1.5mm 13.3mm
Tullakool..... 1.0mm 15.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,627 GL.....94 %
Hume.....2,126 GL.....71 %
Lake Victoria.....577 GL.....85 %
Menindee Lakes352 GL.....20 %
Active Storage.....6,682 GL.....72 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,092 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 11,554 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...7,121 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....4,769 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....134 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 15,425 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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