

TalkingWater

Tuesday 12 August 2014



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals is now complete. Diversions to most lateral channels commenced yesterday.

Murray Irrigation anticipates that water will be available to all customers for delivery by Monday 18 August. Customers who wish to receive a more detailed indication of when water is likely to be available to them should contact their Channel Attendant directly.

Customers are requested to provide extensive advance notice of delivery requirements by placing an order to assist Murray Irrigation meet delivery requirements. In some cases, a wait of more than four days may apply.

Customers seeking delivery prior to Monday 18 August are strongly encouraged to contact their Channel Attendant prior to placing their order to enable a realistic order commencement date. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP contractor site visits

As part of our PIIOP project, Murray Irrigation is currently tendering for the construction of outlets in Divisions 3, 7, 8, and 9. Prospective contractors may be undertaking site visits over the next fortnight, only where direct road access is available. Customers receiving an outlet upgrade in these divisions were sent a notification letter last week. For more information, contact the PIIOP team on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP survey work

Survey work along channels for Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project has returned to Division 12 (Dahwilly channels) this week. 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.

Privacy Policy

Murray Irrigation's Privacy Policy has been updated and is available from the 'Corporate' then 'Company policies' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au. The update clarifies that Murray Irrigation may disclose landholding ownership to Landholder Associations for the purpose of updating their membership records. Customers who

do not wish their details to be disclosed to Landholder Associations can opt-out by contacting Nathan Holahan, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

July weather and inflows summary

The Bureau of Meteorology has reported area-averaged rain totalling just 17.3mm last month, which is 56 percent below the long-term mean and the 16th driest July in 115 years of record.

River Murray system inflows (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental inflows) increased considerably during July with a total volume of around 1,300GL. The relatively higher flows of recent weeks have taken the inflow volume above the long-term monthly average (around 1,250GL for July) for the first time since August 2013. The total is also well above the inflow volume for July 2013 of 840GL.

Irrigated Canola Field Day

Southern Growers are hosting an irrigated canola field day on Wednesday 20 August. The field day will be held from 9.30am at McLeod's property on Closes Road, Finley. Closes Road is about 1km north of Finley, off the Newell Highway. Speakers will discuss time of sowing, flowering and frost, first irrigation and plant population at the DPI trial site which was sown on 1 April. For more information, contact Phil Snowden on M. 0427 839 217.

Rice pre-season meetings

The annual rice pre-season technical meetings will be held in the Murray Valley later this month. Times and locations of the meetings are as follows:

- Wakool Services Club, Wednesday 27 August, 12.30pm.
- Deniliquin RSL Club, Thursday 28 August, 8.00am.
- Finley RS Club, Thursday 28 August, 12.30pm.

For more information, contact Rice Extension Coordinator Travis Tobin on M. 0427 513 494.

Nick Ritchie
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(12/08/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....36 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 303 GL
On-Farm Usage N/A

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 1,457 ML
Price Range \$100 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$86
Yesterday's Sales..... 393 ML
Price Range \$98 - \$101

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

05/08/14 – 11/08/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 15; 2,570ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 24; 2,550ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 20ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...+1,175ML (week)...+3,170ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,000	10,000
Wakool Canal	800	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

05/08/14 – 11/08/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 11.8mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 12.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,642 GL.....94 %
Hume.....2,196 GL.....73 %
Lake Victoria.....602 GL.....89 %
Menindee Lakes349 GL.....20 %
Active Storage.....6,789 GL.....73 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 2,646 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,028 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,784 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,735 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....123 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 18,010 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 31 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**