

TalkingWater

Tuesday 28 October 2014



Murray Irrigation

Extending an operating order

Customers are reminded that as our daily irrigation demand increases, providing four days' notice for water orders is increasingly important.

If attempting to extend an operating order, and there is no additional capacity available on your channel, the *Water ordering* system will display an 'error message'. If this message is displayed, select 'Abort' which will return you to the home page. Next, click on the order you are trying to extend and then 'Send Message'. Here you can indicate to Murray Irrigation exactly what you require and Regional Planning staff will be in contact with you.

Alternatively, customers can contact reception and ask to speak to a Planner, or leave a message if calling outside of business hours.

Customers are advised that the *Web ordering instruction guide* has been updated. Copies are available from reception, or via the 'Water' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

PIIOP customer consultation

As part of our PIIOP project, Murray Irrigation will commence consulting with customers in divisions 1 and 2 (around Tocumwal and Barooga) this week regarding Murray Irrigation's Outlet and Meter Strategy. Landholders are asked to think of possible outlet reductions on their holdings. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Use of chemicals

Customers are reminded to ensure all rice water is retained on-farm for 28 days following the application of chemicals. Customers should also ensure that the mixing of chemicals takes place at least 200m away from Murray Irrigation supply channels and drains. Customers need to ensure spray contractors observe the same practices. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Annual Report and AGM

A copy of Murray Irrigation's 2014 Annual Report is available from our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'. The AGM Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form were mailed to all shareholders last week. These documents are available via the 'Current activities' section of our website.

The AGM will be held at 10.30am, Thursday 20 November, Deniliquin Rams Clubrooms, Hardinge St Oval, Deniliquin.

Annual Compliance Report

Murray Irrigation has provided the NSW Government with its Annual Compliance Report. A copy of the 2013/14 report is available from our website under 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'.

Mulwala Canal offtake diversions

Diversions at the Mulwala Canal offtake peaked at 7,000ML/day last week. Of the diversions, around 1,000ML/day was water ordered by the MDBA that was released into the Edward River for use in the Lower Murray. Use of the Mulwala Canal allows the MDBA to divert water around the Barmah Choke, which is currently at capacity.

Irrigation crop walk

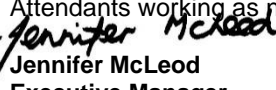
Southern Growers, in conjunction with John Lacy Consulting, are holding a crop walk at Kooloos' property, on Jarratt Road, Mayrunga from 9.00am **this Thursday 30 October**. The crop walk will be focusing on the local wheat National Variety Trial (NVT), automated irrigation layouts and moisture data loggers for irrigation scheduling. For details, contact Anna Jewell on M. 0409 567 429.

Southern Growers workshop

Southern Growers, in conjunction with Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWIL), are hosting a 'Bred Well Fed Well' workshop next week. This is a hands-on workshop for growers to learn more about feeding livestock to meet production targets. It is being held at the Finley Show Grounds from 9.30am on Thursday 6 November. For details, or to RSVP, contact Anna Jewell on M. 0409 567 429.

Office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Tuesday 4 November for a Murray Irrigation staff holiday. Offices reopen from 8.30am Wednesday 5 November. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 5 November. The 'On The Land' radio segment will also move to Wednesday. Water deliveries will be uninterrupted with Regional Planners and Channel Attendants working as normal.


Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 39 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(28/10/14)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 41 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 355 GL
On-Farm Usage 209 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 12,501 ML
Price Range \$113 - \$150
Buy Offer..... \$108
Yesterday's Sales..... 712 ML
Price Range \$110 - \$114

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

21/10/14 – 27/10/14

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 21; 2,063ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 16; 1,174ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 5; 889ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade +18,997ML (week)..+50,820ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 35GL (62% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	6,554	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,017	2,350
Escape flows	2,620	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

21/10/14 – 27/10/14 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 51.4mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 56.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,544 GL.....92 %
Hume.....2,205 GL.....73 %
Lake Victoria.....597 GL.....88 %
Menindee Lakes282 GL.....16 %
Active Storage.....6,628 GL.....72 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 16,945 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,358 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...6,945 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,475 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....38 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,512 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 7 gates open

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