

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 6 January 2015



Murray Irrigation

## OFIEP Round 5

In December 2014, the Australian Government announced up to \$125M for Round 5 of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP). Murray Irrigation is planning to submit a Delivery Partner application and will be holding a series of customer workshops to explain the criteria involved in this program at the following venues:

- Wakool Services Club - Wednesday 14 January;
- Deniliquin Coach House Hotel - Thursday 15 January;
- Finley Bowling Club - Friday 16 January.

Each workshop will start at 9.30am and finish by 12.00pm. For more information, contact Project Officer Lauren Noonan, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

## Plan ahead when ordering water

In order to help minimise the wait time for water orders, customers should ensure they place their orders at least four days in advance. 'Pending' water orders can always be cancelled (prior to their scheduled start time). If you lodge an 'unsatisfied' order, there is a chance the date requested will still be approved. Murray Irrigation regional planning staff will contact you to discuss your options.

Customers are encouraged to register for order start/finish alerts via the 'Communications settings' section of their *Water ordering* online login. For more information, contact regional planning staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265. If calling outside business hours, customers should call reception and leave a message. Please remember to leave your name, landholding reference number and contact telephone number, along with a brief description of the issue.

## Casual Usage Fee

The second quarter account for 2014/15 will be based on meter readings taken up to Monday 5 January. Customers have until 5.00pm Friday 9 January to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee (which applies where water use is greater than 120 percent of delivery entitlements on a landholding or consolidated account). SMS alerts have been sent to those customers at risk of incurring the Casual Usage Fee. If in doubt about whether you need additional delivery entitlements to avoid paying the Casual Usage Fee, contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water Exchange

Customers are reminded that the Murray Irrigation Water Exchange Terms and Conditions were updated at the start of the 2014/15 irrigation season.

Key changes include:

- Providing purchasers with three business days for payment to be **received** by Murray Irrigation.
- Purchases can only be paid for by cheque when delivered during business hours to either Murray Irrigation's Deniliquin or Finley offices.

These changes reduce the time spent pursuing purchase payments and remove issues with cheque payments not received. Payments not received by Murray Irrigation within these terms will be considered unpaid, and customers will be issued with a default letter accordingly.

Seller payments will be made within 10 business days after all of the parcel listed in an offer has been fully sold. Murray Irrigation will not make payment on partial sales of a parcel listed.

The updated Terms and Conditions are available at: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Water', then 'Water trade' and 'Terms and conditions'. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water Exchange account balances

Customers are able to check their Water Exchange account balances via both their *Water ordering* online log-in ([water.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://water.murrayirrigation.com.au)) and their telephone ordering account (via T. 1300 781 431). Customers should not rely on invoicing alone as a prompt to pay their accounts.

Customers are also encouraged to ensure that their fax machine is fully operational and loaded with paper (where facsimile is their preferred communication option). Murray Irrigation cannot be held accountable where fax transmission does not occur due to customer machine faults. For more information or assistance contact our Water Trade staff, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Steve Gumley  
Interim CEO

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 49 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(06/01/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....28 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 236 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 415 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 4,955 ML  
Price Range ..... \$133 - \$165  
Buy Offer..... \$126  
Yesterday's Sales..... 801 ML  
Price Range ..... \$129 - \$134  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

30/12/14 – 05/01/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....23; 2,200ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 22; 1,994ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 206ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 239ML (week).....+77,406ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 33GL (79% on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	6,768	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,361	2,350
Escape flows	2,375	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

30/12/14 – 05/01/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 73.8mm  
Tullakool..... 1.8mm ..... 77.7mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,192 GL.....83 %  
Hume.....1,648 GL.....55 %  
Lake Victoria.....490 GL.....72 %  
Menindee Lakes .....239 GL..... 14 %  
Active Storage.....5,569 GL.....60 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 19,721 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 10,084 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....923 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,476 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....32 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 7,435 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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