

Talking Water

Tuesday 31 March 2015



Murray Irrigation

End of season arrangements

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Murray Irrigation advises customers in **Divisions 4, 6, 7 and 10** that their offtakes will be closed on **Monday 11 May**. Limited access to off-allocation water will be available between Monday 11 May and Monday 18 May. The channel system will then be drained. Customers in these divisions are advised to plan their autumn irrigation programs and dam filling to conclude by Monday 11 May.

The early closure is to allow upgrade of the regulators in the division under our Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) project

For all other divisions, Murray Irrigation is planning to close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes on **Monday 11 May**. There is the potential for an extension, subject to customer demand. More detailed end of 2014/15 irrigation season arrangements will be distributed via a special *Talking Water* after Easter. If you require further information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement tomorrow

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due tomorrow, Wednesday 1 April.

Water ordering system outage

Murray Irrigation's online and telephone *Water ordering* systems experienced an outage between 10.00pm on Friday and 7.00am on Saturday. The outage was caused by an external technical issue and the problem has now been resolved. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Casual Usage Fee

The third quarter account for 2014/15 will be based on meter readings taken up to Tuesday 7 April. Customers have until 5.00pm Friday 10 April to transfer delivery entitlements in order to offset the Casual Usage Fee. SMS alerts will be sent to those customers at risk of incurring the

Casual Usage Fee. If in doubt about Fee, contact Water Trade staff via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Daylight savings

Customers are reminded that daylight savings ends this Sunday 5 April. Customers wishing to start, extend or alter their water orders that overlap the change of daylight savings are asked to contact a Regional Planner, via reception on T. 1300 138 265, otherwise a '24-hour block error' may occur. Regional Planners may need to alter your order to coincide with the time change of daylight savings.

Vale Barrie Arnold

Murray Irrigation directors and staff acknowledge the recent passing of Barrie Arnold. Barrie was a leader in the water policy debate in the 1980s and 1990s, chairing the NSW Murray Irrigation Area and District Advisory Board from 1987 to 1992. This Advisory Board led this region through the separation from government which culminated in the formation of Murray Irrigation Limited in March 1995. We are grateful for this important legacy and our sympathy is extended to Barrie's wife Moira and his family.

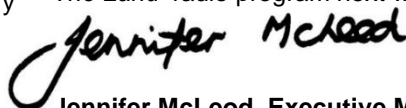
Easter office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed over the Easter long weekend from 5.00pm this Thursday 2 April and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 7 April. MILCast will also be closed during this time.

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone service will remain open. Payment for any Exchange purchases made between Friday and Monday must be received as cleared funds by close of business on Thursday 9 April.

Water deliveries are not affected, with Channel Attendants and Regional Planners working as normal. To contact Regional Planning staff, call reception on T. 1300 138 265 and leave a message. Our system forwards the message to the Planner on duty who will get back to you. The emergency number (T. 1300 657 313) is for after-hours emergencies only.

Talking Water will be sent to customers on Wednesday 8 April. There will be no 'On The Land' radio program next week.


Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 61 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 2 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(31/03/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....22 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 184 GL
On-Farm Usage 661 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 1,915 ML
Price Range \$135 - \$190
Buy Offer..... \$110
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,156 ML
Price Range \$129 - \$135
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

24/03/15 – 30/03/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....35; 2,821ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 3; 760ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 39; 3,566ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 15ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade... -952ML (week)...+93,917ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 22GL (65% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,565	10,000
Wakool Canal	856	2,350
Escape flows	2,500	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

24/03/15 – 30/03/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 35.1mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 36.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,001 GL.....78 %
Hume.....720 GL.....24 %
Lake Victoria.....181 GL.....27 %
Menindee Lakes86 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....3,988 GL.....43 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 15,655 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,946 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,125 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,088 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 5,989 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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