

Special Talking Water

Friday 10 April 2015



Murray Irrigation

End of 2014/15 irrigation season arrangements

Murray Irrigation is currently planning to close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes on Monday 11 May.

Off-allocation deliveries will also commence on an opportunistic basis immediately after these closures.

Customers on channels linked to accredited escapes will have limited access to opportunistic off-allocation water. Your Channel Attendant will be able to advise you whether your channel is linked to an accredited escape. Customers are strongly encouraged to give advance notice of irrigation demand, including any changes to orders, to assist with channel operations. Changes are to be made via the *Water ordering* system online login water.murrayirrigation.com.au, or by calling T. 1300 781 431.

Customers affected by PIOP construction program

As advised last week customers in Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 will be affected by the PIOP construction program.

To guarantee water delivery, customers should complete their irrigation deliveries prior to the offtake closure dates.

Off-allocation deliveries will commence immediately following the dates below for **one** week only and are opportunistic. Access to off-allocation will be influenced by customer demand and your landholding's location.

Escapes will be opened and draining will commence immediately **one** week after the offtake is closed.

Customers should also ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to the offtakes closing.

Division 5 channel offtakes will be closed on Monday 4 May.

Divisions 4, 6, 7 and 10 channel offtakes will be closed on Monday 11 May.

Key dates for channel draining in PIOP construction areas are as follows:

Division	Key dates	Information
5	Monday 4 May 2015 Offtakes closed (no extension will be available). Monday 11 May 2015 All non-accredited escapes opened.	Limited access to off-allocation water between Monday 4 May and Monday 11 May 2015.
4, 6, 7, 10	Monday 11 May 2015 Offtakes closed (no extension will be available) Accredited escapes opened: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berrigan Main Canal• Billabong Main Channel Monday 18 May 2015 All non-accredited escapes will be opened.	Limited access to off-allocation water between Monday 11 May and Monday 18 May 2015. Divisions 4 and 6 are linked to accredited escapes. These customers are likely to have limited access to off-allocation water.

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Customers not affected by PIOP construction program

Customers in all remaining divisions will have their channel offtakes closed on Monday 11 May.

There may be some flexibility in this date subject to irrigation demand.

Key dates for customers not affected by PIOP construction program:

Division	Key dates	Information
Remaining divisions 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	<p>Monday 11 May 2015 Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes closed (potential for extension if sufficient customer demand exists).</p> <p>All lateral offtakes closed (potential for extension if sufficient demand exists).</p> <p>Commence draining of all channels associated with accredited escapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mulwala Canal• Deniboota Main Canal• Perricoota Channel <p>Monday 25 May 2015 Commence draining out all non-accredited escapes (potential for extension if sufficient demand exists)</p> <p>Monday 8 June 2015 Any outlets still operating will be finished and a final meter reading recorded.</p>	<p>Orders must be placed by Monday 4 May 2015.</p> <p>Limited access to off-allocation water commencing Monday 11 May 2015</p> <p>Divisions 9, 14 and 16 are linked to accredited escapes. These customers are likely to have limited access to off-allocation water.</p>

For operational information about the system closure, please contact your Channel Attendant directly.

Customers can determine which channel their outlet is located on, or their division number, by contacting their Channel Attendant.

For further information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

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