

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 14 April 2015



Murray Irrigation

## End of season arrangements

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.

Customers in Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 will be affected by the PIIOP construction program. **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.

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 [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or by calling T. 1300 781 431.

Full details on end of 2014/15 irrigation season arrangements are in the special *Talking Water* distributed Friday 10 April.

## Carryover

Customers are reminded that 50 percent of their Class C water entitlements will be automatically carried over to the 2015/16 irrigation season. Customers with more than one landholding will be required to balance their remaining water balances equally over all landholdings to gain full effect of carryover.

## Stock and domestic requirements

Customers should ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to the offtakes closing. Water will not be stored in channels during the closure period due to maintenance requirements. Customers should place water orders as soon as possible. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Works update

Murray Irrigation's Works department employs 25 staff. The Works department has completed 2,900 maintenance and repair jobs this irrigation season. It is likely that most customers will have dealings with our Works staff at some stage during the year.

We are now actively planning for off season works. The off season provides the best opportunity for our Works crew to conduct de-silting, erosion control works and other maintenance tasks normally hindered by the presence of water. This time of year also provides the only

opportunity to conduct important inspections of Murray Irrigation infrastructure that is normally obscured.

Works staff will attempt to contact landholders where necessary to enter private property to complete maintenance or emergency work. In some emergency circumstances, our staff may enter land if we have been unable to contact the landholder. Murray Irrigation is committed to consultation with landholders where construction works are required. Our Works staff complete their work in accordance with the company Works Policy. This policy is available on our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) and is part of every customer's Entitlements Contract.

## External trade closure

Customers are advised of the following dates for the close of external annual trade for the 2014/15 season:

- Interstate trade (to or from Victoria or South Australia) – forms must be received by **5.00pm Wednesday 29 April**.
- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received by **5.00pm Thursday 28 May**.

## Matthew Watts resignation

It is with regret Murray Irrigation announces to shareholders the resignation of our Company Secretary and Business Administration Manager, Matthew Watts. Matthew has been employed with Murray Irrigation for 12 years in a range of roles. His skills and knowledge will be greatly missed by our organisation. Matthew has made an invaluable contribution to the company, in particular its IT systems which have allowed the Water Exchange to develop into its current form, and most recently during the development and rollout of the new *Water ordering* system. Murray Irrigation wishes Matthew well with his career move.

## Southern Riverina Irrigators website

Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) have launched their new-look website: [www.southernriverinairrigators.com.au](http://www.southernriverinairrigators.com.au).

Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(14/04/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 158 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 699 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 3,234 ML  
Price Range ..... \$128 - \$190  
Buy Offer..... \$100  
Yesterday's Sales..... 440 ML  
Price Range ..... \$127 - \$129  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

07/04/15 – 13/04/15

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 32; 2,040ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 206ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 28; 2,156ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 90ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade.. 1,676ML(week)..+95,848ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 13GL (50% on annual pasture)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,162	10,000
Wakool Canal	742	2,350
Escape flows	2,185	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

07/04/15 – 13/04/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 8.9mm ..... 23.4mm  
Tullakool..... 17.4mm ..... 21.1mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,939 GL.....76 %  
Hume.....614 GL.....20 %  
Lake Victoria.....170 GL.....25 %  
Menindee Lakes .....76 GL.....4 %  
Active Storage.....3,799 GL.....41 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 16,177 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,898 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,007 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,085 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 25 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 6,314 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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