

TalkingWater

Tuesday 21 April 2015



Murray Irrigation

End of season arrangements

Customers are strongly encouraged to give advance notice of irrigation demand before offtakes are closed for the 2014/15 season. This includes any changes to orders which will 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.

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 PIOP construction program. Division 5 channel offtakes will be closed on Monday 4 May, while Divisions 4, 6, 7 and 10 channel offtakes will be closed on Monday 11 May.

Carryover

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

If you have a merged account there is no need to transfer remaining allocation between landholdings. All other customers including customers with accounts consolidated for billing purposes are advised to balance the volume remaining between landholdings as a percentage of water entitlements. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

External trade closure

Customers are reminded 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**.

No allocation increase

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) made no increase to the general security entitlement allocation in the NSW Murray last week. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation remains at 61

percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers. NOW advised that this would be the last allocation announcement for the 2014/15 season. An update to the Murray water allocation outlook for 2015/16 will be provided on Friday 15 May 2015.

Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts for 2014/15 will be distributed to customers next week. If you do not receive an invoice by late next week, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265. Accounts are due by 5.00pm Friday 29 May. To be eligible for the early payment discount, all accounts must be paid on or before this date.

Positions vacant

Murray Irrigation is currently advertising to fill a number of vacant positions, including:

- Strategic Advisor;
- Water Trade Officer – Deniliquin; and
- Channel Attendant (three positions).

Applications for the above positions close 5.00pm Friday 1 May. For full details, as well as details on how to apply, visit the 'Corporate' then 'Jobs and tenders' section of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Murray Irrigation has also recently advertised for the following positions:

- Company Secretary and Risk Officer;
- Information and Communications Technology Manager.

These positions are advertised on www.seek.com.au and can be found by typing 'Murray Irrigation' into the key word search.

Lowering of Lake Mulwala

The Murray Darling Basin Authority will soon begin lowering Lake Mulwala in preparation for off-season structural works and weed management. This project is not expected to affect Murray Irrigation's diversions to the Mulwala Canal or our customers.

Jennifer McLeod
Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(21/04/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 15 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 130 GL
On-Farm Usage 710 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 3 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 3,125 ML
Price Range \$124 - \$190
Buy Offer..... \$91
Yesterday's Sales..... 210 ML
Price Range \$122 - \$125
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

14/04/15 – 20/04/15

Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....23; 2,344ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 2; 266ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 30; 2,591ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 19ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... -677ML(week)..+95,171ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 11GL (44% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,090	10,000
Wakool Canal	338	2,350
Escape flows	1,058	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

14/04/15 – 20/04/15	Rain	Evap
Finley	43.4mm	25.4mm
Tullakool	32.4mm	26.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,914 GL.....76 %
Hume.....632 GL.....21 %
Lake Victoria.....184 GL.....27 %
Menindee Lakes72 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....3,802 GL.....41 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 5,888 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,912 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,241 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,034 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 691 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 6,080 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**