

# Talking Water

Tuesday 28 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 who wish to guarantee orders must complete their irrigation order prior to this date. Any variation to the end of season will be assessed by the volume of water being delivered on-farm prior to Friday 8 May and any change to the closure date will be communicated to customers via a special *Talking Water*.

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. There is no provision for an extension in these divisions.

Customers in **all divisions** are reminded that orders for off allocation water are not subject to the usual four-day notice period, and as such are not required to be placed prior to Monday 11 May (or Monday 4 May for Division 5 customers).

Customers are advised that if they place their order for off allocation now, the volume ordered will be debited from their allocation accounts. This situation will change once the off allocation date is confirmed.

Full details, including off-allocation and channel draining details, on end of 2014/15 irrigation season arrangements for all customers are in the special *Talking Water* distributed Friday 10 April. This can be accessed via the Murray Irrigation website or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Water Exchange

Customers are reminded that the Murray Irrigation Water Exchange Terms and Conditions can be accessed via Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Water', then 'Water trade' and 'Terms and conditions'.

The Terms and Conditions were updated at the start of the 2014/15 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.
- Payment by cheque, except Bank Cheque, must clear before the transaction is considered paid.

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. For more information or assistance contact our Water Trade staff, via 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 tomorrow, Wednesday 29 April**.
- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received by **5.00pm Thursday 28 May**.

## Quarterly accounts mail-out

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts for 2014/15 will be distributed to customers this week. 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. For more information, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

## Talking Water registrations

Customers are reminded that they can adjust their communication settings via their *Water ordering* account. This includes updating preferences to receive *Talking Water* via email or fax. Login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. Alternatively, customers can contact Water Trade for assistance, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Jennifer McLeod  
Executive Manager

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(28/04/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 154 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 714 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of .... 3 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 2,737 ML  
Price Range ..... \$114 - \$190  
Buy Offer..... \$98  
Yesterday's Sales..... 704 ML  
Price Range ..... \$98 - \$115  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

21/04/15 – 27/04/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 13; 1,093ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 2; 158ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 19; 1,141ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 110ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade..... -860ML(week)..+94,310ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 4.8GL (33% on annual pasture)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	732	10,000
Wakool Canal	372	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

21/04/15 – 27/04/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 9.7mm ..... 21.2mm  
Tullakool..... 2.8mm ..... 19.9mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,904 GL.....75 %  
Hume.....639 GL.....21 %  
Lake Victoria.....204 GL.....30 %  
Menindee Lakes .....68 GL.....4 %  
Active Storage.....3,815 GL.....41 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 7,187 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,097 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,007 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 723 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 4,841 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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