

Talking Water

Tuesday 12 May 2015



Murray Irrigation

Offtakes closed

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am yesterday and has commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes.

Channel draining update:

- **Division 5** – All non-accredited escapes were opened yesterday.
- **Divisions 4, 6, 7, 10** – Offtakes were closed yesterday. Accredited escapes (Berrigan Main Canal, Billabong Main Channel) have been opened. All non-accredited escapes will be opened on Monday 18 May. Access to off-allocation water is limited.
- **All remaining divisions** – Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes were closed yesterday. Draining has commenced on all channels associated with accredited escapes (Mulwala Canal, Deniboota Main Canal, Perricoota Channel). Draining of all non-accredited escapes will commence on Monday 25 May. Access to off-allocation will be influenced by customer demand and landholding location. Divisions 9, 14 and 16 are linked to accredited escapes and will have limited access to off-allocation.

Any outlet still operating will be finished and final meter reading recorded on Monday 8 June. For more information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Water allocation accounts

The Murray Water Exchange will close at 5.00pm Friday 5 June 2015. Customers are encouraged to consider water usage to the end of the season and ensure they have enough annual delivery entitlements to prevent incurring the Casual Usage Fee on their fourth quarter (April to June) account.

Customers whose water use exceeds 120 percent of their delivery entitlements can either pay the Casual Usage Fee or purchase delivery entitlements on the annual market. All internal annual transfers close at 5.00pm Friday 12 June, including annual transfer of delivery entitlements. Customers seeking to balance carryover volumes are required to complete annual transfers by this deadline. For full details, see the special *Talking Water* to be released today.

Regional Planning evening shift

Customers are advised that the Murray Irrigation Regional Planning staff evening shift will cease for the 2014/15 season this Friday 15 May. All normal contact arrangements for Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. Customers can leave a message via reception (including after hours), or leave a message with their water order. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Tubewell installations

Murray Irrigation has engaged Murray Trotman Services to install level sensor tubewells during the winter closure period. Work will commence in Division 5 next week. Murray Trotman Services will be accessing work sites via the normal Channel Attendant route using light utility vehicles. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 or visit our website and click on 'PIOP'.

Extended payment for Exchange purchases

Customers are advised that because of an upgrade to Murray Irrigation's accounting system (Pronto), extended payment terms will apply to purchases made between 5.00pm Thursday 14 May and 5.00pm Monday 18 May. Invoices will be sent to customers who make purchases during this time period on Tuesday 19 May and payment will be due (as receipted funds) by 5.00pm Thursday 21 May. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Permanent trade application forms

In response to feedback, Murray Irrigation has updated the permanent trade application forms. Applications have been streamlined by developing multi-use forms and removed obsolete requirements. The new forms can be found on our website under 'Customers' and 'Forms' then under the application type. Murray Irrigation will continue to accept previous versions of forms for a transition period. For more information regarding the new permanent trade forms, contact Water Trade 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

(12/05/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 146 GL
On-Farm Usage 736 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 7 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,614 ML
Price Range \$127 - \$190
Buy Offer..... \$103
Yesterday's Sales..... 207 ML
Price Range \$128
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

05/05/15 – 11/05/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....25; 1,346ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 20; 1,346ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... 188ML(week)...+94,909ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 13GL (56% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	1,793	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

05/05/15 – 11/05/15 Rain Evap
Finley 4.5mm 20.3mm
Tullakool..... 7.0mm 23.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,911 GL.....75 %
Hume.....601 GL.....20 %
Lake Victoria.....262 GL.....39 %
Menindee Lakes64 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....3,838 GL.....41 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,424 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 7,733 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 999 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 329 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 4,533 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**