

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 19 May 2015



Murray Irrigation

## Outlook for NSW Murray

Late Friday afternoon, the NSW Office of Water released an updated outlook for the NSW Murray. Opening allocations for NSW Murray General Security for 2015/16 are expected to be zero percent. Commencing allocations will be announced on 1 July 2015 with regular assessments made on the first and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. A copy of the NSW Office of Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Channel draining

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am on Monday 11 May and has commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes. Draining of all non-accredited escapes will commence next Monday 25 May. Access to off-allocation water will be influenced by customer demand and landholding location. Any outlet still operating will be finished and final meter readings recorded on Monday 8 June. For more information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## PIIOP field survey program

Murray Irrigation is pleased to announce that CAF has been commissioned to undertake field survey works in the west of our area of operations (Divisions 14, 15 and 17 to 21) stretching from Deniliquin in the east, to Moulamein in the west, and Bunnaloo to the south.

The field survey works will be carried out on our channel regulators and outlets between May and August, and are required to support the ongoing design and construction process of the PIIOP project. Our channel system draining plan, using escapes (where required), is now underway, which will assist the surveyors to access our sites.

CAF will undertake the field works with up to three survey crews, each equipped with a ute (with CAF logo). Access to the regulators and outlets will predominantly be obtained via existing Murray Irrigation access tracks, however, there may be a requirement to access within landholder property, in which case, we will seek prior approval. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Winter works

Murray Irrigation has commenced its routine winter maintenance and PIIOP construction works. Customers can expect to see a higher level of vehicle activity around channels, including contractors engaged by Murray Irrigation. There will be approximately 350 job sites throughout Murray Irrigation's area of operations in the next two months. Customers should be mindful of heavy machinery and avoid construction sites at all times. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## External trade closure

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

- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received by **5.00pm Thursday 28 May**.
- Murray Water Exchange – closes at **5.00pm on Friday 5 June**.
- Internal annual trade – closes at **5.00pm on Friday 12 June**.

## Payment for Exchange purchases

Customers who made Exchange purchases during the recent extended payment terms (that is, between 5.00pm Thursday 14 May and 5.00pm Monday 18 May), are reminded that payment is due (as receipted funds) by 5.00pm Thursday 21 May. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## New version 19 Entitlements Contract

Murray Irrigation has recently updated its Entitlements Contract, as per the Board's policy changes which were made effective from 1 July 2014. The new version (19) is available in the 'Company policies' section of our website and is effective from 22 May 2015. It deals with the following changes:

- Change to minimum requirements to remain a Murray Irrigation landholding - previously five shares and four DEs; now there are no minimums. However, a minimum of one share is required to remain a shareholder with Murray Irrigation and retain a voting right.
- Ability to register a security interest over delivery entitlements - previously only water entitlements could have an interest recorded.

For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

*Jennifer McLeod*  
Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(19/05/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 148 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 740 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of ...15 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 1,412 ML  
Price Range ..... \$198 - \$250  
Buy Offer..... \$121  
Yesterday's Sales..... 228 ML  
Price Range ..... \$190 - \$210  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

12/05/15 – 18/05/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....19; 3,283ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 494ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 37; 3,249ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 528ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade...1,085ML(week)...+95,995ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 13GL (45% on annual pasture)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	765	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

12/05/15 – 18/05/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.2mm ..... 14.2mm  
Tullakool..... 0.2mm ..... 15.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,902 GL.....75 %  
Hume.....645 GL.....21 %  
Lake Victoria.....275 GL.....41 %  
Menindee Lakes .....69 GL.....4 %  
Active Storage.....3,891 GL.....42 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 2,050 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,857 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...1,094 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 369 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 4,521 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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