

# Talking Water

Tuesday 26 May 2015



Murray Irrigation

## CEO appointment

Murray Irrigation Chairman, Bruce Simpson announced on Friday the appointment of Michael Renehan as the company's new Chief Executive Officer. Michael has over 15 years' experience in CEO and general management roles within service, supply chain, engineering and manufacturing organisations both in Australia and overseas. He will commence with Murray Irrigation on Monday 22 June. For full details, see Friday's *Chairman's announcement* which is accessible via our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or from reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## Adrian Fisher retirement

Murray Irrigation farewelled long-serving Finley Channel Attendant, Adrian Fisher, on Friday 15 May. Adrian has retired after 41 years of service to the company. We wish him all the best for his future.

## Channel draining

Murray Irrigation has now commenced channel draining out all escapes in preparation for routine winter maintenance and PIIOP construction works. Any outlets still operating by Monday 8 June will be finished and final meter readings recorded. For operational information, please contact your Channel Attendant. Off-allocation deliveries are on an opportunistic only basis. For more information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via 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:

- The deadline for use of the Murray Water Exchange facility through Western Murray Irrigation is **5.00pm today, Tuesday 26 May**.
- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received by **5.00pm this Thursday 28 May**.
- The Murray Water Exchange closes at **5.00pm Friday 5 June** (internal annual trades, that is listings or purchases).
- Internal annual trade closes at **5.00pm Friday 12 June**, including annual transfer of delivery entitlements.

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

## Third quarter accounts due Friday

Murray Irrigation's third quarter accounts are due by **5.00pm this Friday 29 May**. Customers are reminded that the **10 percent discount for on-time payments** is still applicable for this billing period. To be eligible for the discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by this Friday.

As announced in Friday's *Chairman's report*, the discount will be reduced to five percent from the first quarter of the 2015/16 irrigation season. If you are having difficulty paying your account, please contact our Finance department, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

## MILCast price increase

Customers are reminded that there will be a 10 percent price increase on all MILCast products effective next **Monday 1 June**. Due to manufacturing constraints, if an order is placed prior to 1 June at the current price, customers **must** take delivery of the order within two weeks of the completed manufacture date. An updated MILCast catalogue will be available on the website prior to 1 June. For further information, please contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051.

## Positions vacant

Murray Irrigation is currently advertising to fill two new positions as part of its PIIOP project. The company is seeking an **Assistant Project Accountant**, with applications closing 5.00pm Tuesday 2 June. We are also advertising for a **Project Engineer**, with applications for this role to close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 10 June. 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](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

## Agriculture TAFE course

Riverina Institute of TAFE is offering a Diploma of Agriculture tailored for young people involved in agriculture in the Murray Irrigation area in July 2015. It will be delivered over 18 months with a series of workshops, short study tours, farm visits and project work. For full details, contact Shandra Simpson at the Riverina Institute of TAFE on T. 03 5882 2030.

Jennifer McLeod  
Executive Manager

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(26/05/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 149 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 741 GL  
(Including Off-Allocation usage of ...15 GL)

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 2,189 ML  
Price Range ..... \$160 - \$250  
Buy Offer..... \$137  
Yesterday's Sales..... 297 ML  
Price Range ..... \$150 - \$175  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

19/05/15 – 25/05/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 10; 1,517ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 104ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 10; 915ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 706ML  
**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade...730ML(week)...+96,724ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 1GL (41% on annual pasture)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	46	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

19/05/15 – 25/05/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 3.3mm ..... 10.9mm  
Tullakool..... 7.6mm ..... 12.1mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,890 GL.....75 %  
Hume.....716 GL.....24 %  
Lake Victoria.....299 GL.....44 %  
Menindee Lakes .....71 GL.....4 %  
Active Storage.....3,976 GL.....43 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 1,927 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,071 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 933 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 335 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 3,921 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open

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