



Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation opened the Mulwala Canal offtake for channel filling purposes yesterday. We intend to open the Wakool Main Canal offtake on Monday 3 August. The company will be performing a modified filling procedure which will mean a longer filling period than normal. If customer demand were to increase, or supplementary water access was announced, Murray Irrigation would be in a good position to accelerate channel filling.

Customers are requested to indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advance notice as possible. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Updates to Murray Irrigation website

Murray Irrigation has recently made some updates to its website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au. The site now includes a 'Water resource information' section which includes details on storage and sharing, allocation and availability and environmental water. Click on 'Customer information' and then 'Water resource information'.

PIIOP project maps have also been loaded onto the 'PIIOP' section of our website. The maps include '2015 outlet program winter works', 'Status of regulator upgrades' and 'Metered outlets consultation schedule'. The PIIOP section also includes photos, customer testimonials and a glossary of terms.

Allocation announcement Monday

The NSW Office of Water's next allocation announcement is due Monday 3 August. This information will be passed on to Murray Irrigation customers as early as possible. The announcement can also be found here: www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases.

Murray resource assessment process

An outline of the process used by the NSW Office of Water to calculate available water determinations is now available on the Murray Irrigation website. The presentation, given by Brian Graham at the RGA Water Trade Workshop last week, explains that general security allocations are calculated by determining the total resources available – storage, plus tributary, plus minimum storage inflows – and subtracting the total supply requirements such as river operations,

town, stock and domestic and high security. A link to the full presentation is available via our website. Click on 'Customers' then 'Customer information', 'Water resource information' and 'Allocation and availability'.

Water Exchange 2014/15

Murray Irrigation provided an overview of the trade year 2014/15 to the RGA Water Trade Workshop. The presentation looked at the changing trade patterns over time compared to on-farm deliveries. It also looked at prices over the last 12 months and net trade statistics. The presentation is available via the 'Current activities' section of our website.

Berriquin Irrigators meeting

There will be a Berriquin Irrigators' Council meeting held at the Finley RS Club from 7.00pm this Thursday 30 July. The meeting will be attended by both the NSW Irrigators' Council CEO and Chairman, as well as Murray Irrigation Chairman Bruce Simpson and CEO Michael Renehan. For further information, contact Graeme Pyle on M. 0427 852 532.

Connectivity night seminar

Southern Growers is presenting a seminar on extending your current mobile service, broadening the existing NBN network and connecting your farm from 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 29 July at the Finley Apex Sport and Community Centre. For more information, contact Southern Growers Executive Officer, Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750

Bitterns in rice presentations

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia are holding three regional bitterns in rice presentations this week. Times, dates and venues are as follows:

- **Today**, Tuesday 28 July - Finley RS Club, 5.30pm;
- Wednesday 29 July - Barham Golf Club, 4.30pm;
- Thursday 30 July - Deniliquin RSL Club, 5.30pm.

For more information, contact Neil Bull on M. 0428 603 557.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(28/07/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 147 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,013 ML
Price Range \$210 - \$482
Buy Offer..... \$163
Yesterday's Sales..... 0 ML
Price Range N/A
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

21/07/15 – 27/07/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....3; 915ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 500ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 415ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 1,000ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....4,734ML(week)...10,034ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	500	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

21/07/15 – 27/07/15 Rain Evap
Finley 8.4mm 12.2mm
Tullakool..... 1.0mm 14.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,786 GL.....72 %
Hume.....1,085 GL.....36 %
Lake Victoria.....464 GL.....69 %
Menindee Lakes96 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,431 GL.....48 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,175 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,583 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 677 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,697 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,095 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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