

TalkingWater

Tuesday 4 August 2015



Murray Irrigation

Channel refilling operations

Murray Irrigation opened the Wakool Main Canal offtake for channel filling purposes yesterday. The Mulwala Canal offtake was opened on Monday 27 July.

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.

CEO breakfast open to all

Customers are invited to an informal 'meet and greet' breakfast with myself at each of our offices over the next three weeks, commencing next Tuesday 11 August from 7.30am at the Deniliquin office. The breakfast will be held in the outdoor BBQ area of the Charlotte Street office and will conclude by 9.00am. I will then host breakfasts at Wakool on Tuesday 18 August and Finley on Tuesday 25 August.

These breakfasts are part of a range of meetings with customers I am undertaking during the month, seeking views on Murray Irrigation and its services. The feedback from customers will be crucial to formulating the company's new strategy which I will be presenting in November.

I look forward to meeting customers at these breakfasts.

Deemed usage

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2015/16 season. Applications must be made in writing on a Form WM1 available from the 'Customers' then 'forms' and 'general forms' section of the Murray Irrigation website, or by contacting reception on T. 1300 138 265. Application forms must be received by Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm Friday 11 September.

Channel Attendant hours

Murray Irrigation reminds customers that Channel Attendants' hours of work have changed slightly. Channel Attendants work from 7.30am to 4.00pm, seven days a week throughout the irrigation season.

June quarter accounts due

A reminder to customers that June quarter accounts are due to be paid by Friday 28 August. To be eligible for customer discounts all outstanding fees must be paid by this date. Customers are also reminded that Murray Irrigation is no longer accepting cash payments. Murray Irrigation accepts all payment options listed on your invoice including cheque or bank deposit. Enquiries are to be made to accounts receivable via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Irrigation technology update

Southern Growers is hosting an irrigation technology update on Thursday 13 August. The event will be held from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Finley Showgrounds. The day will focus on the latest technology in soil moisture monitoring, surface and spray irrigation technology and automation of irrigation for your farm business. Entry to the event is free and includes a free BBQ lunch. For more information, contact Southern Growers Executive Officer, Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

Top dressing crops

Next Monday 10 August the GRDC will hold a workshop for farmers and advisers about top dressing in irrigated farming systems. The cost is \$88 which includes catering and a manual. For more information contact Deb Baum on T. 0448 840 232 or email deb.baum@agcommunicators.com.au.

Introduction to direct drilling

A practical 'hands-on' introduction to direct drilling rice will be held at RRAPL, Old Coree, Jerilderie next Tuesday 11 August commencing at 10am. The morning will include presentations from several experienced direct drillers and demonstrations showing seed placement and depth. RSVP for catering to John Fowler, Murray LLS on 0427 079 138 or email john.fowler@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(04/08/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 152 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 3,197 ML
Price Range \$220 - \$482
Buy Offer..... \$190
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,905 ML
Price Range \$209 - \$220
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

28/07/15 – 03/08/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 12; 3,198ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 14; 2,198ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 1,000ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...13,523ML(week)...23,557ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	750	10,000
Wakool Canal	300	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

28/07/15 – 03/08/15 Rain Evap
Finley 12.9mm 9.8mm
Tullakool..... 10.2mm 10.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,769 GL.....72 %
Hume.....1,143 GL.....38 %
Lake Victoria.....453 GL.....67 %
Menindee Lakes98 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,463 GL.....48 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 8,977 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 16,038 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 885 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,661 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,870 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**