

Talking Water

Tuesday 11 August 2015



Murray Irrigation

OFIEP Round 5

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment announced on Wednesday last week that Murray Irrigation will be a delivery partner for Round 5 of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP). Not all Murray Irrigation customer projects were successful. Successful and reserve applicants will be notified this week and workshops will be held in the near future. Full details about the OFIEP is available at: www.environment.gov.au/water/rural-water/srwui/on-farm-irrigation-efficiency-program.

Channel refilling operations

Refilling of the Mulwala and Wakool Canals is underway with diversions to some lateral channels commencing this week under a modified, longer, filling procedure. Some channels may not be filled until water orders have been placed. If demand increases, or supplementary water access is announced, Murray Irrigation will accelerate channel filling.

Customers are urged to indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advance notice as possible. For information, contact your Channel Attendant directly, or call Murray Irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Closure of Murrumbidgee trade

The DPI Water announced last Thursday the closure of temporary trade out of the Murrumbidgee Valley due to the inter-valley transfer (IVT) limit of 100GL being reached. Trade into the valley remains open. Customers can monitor the IVT balance at: www.statewater.com.au/Customer%20service/water-ordering-trading-pricing/.

Allocation announcement Monday

The DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due Monday 17 August. This will also include water availability outlooks for mid-October and mid-December, covering a range of possible inflow scenarios. This information will be passed on to Murray Irrigation customers as early as possible.

CEO breakfasts open to all

Murray Irrigation is hosting informal 'meet and greet' breakfasts at each of our offices this month. The first breakfast was held in Deniliquin this morning. The next breakfast

will be in Wakool on Tuesday 18 August, followed by Finley on Tuesday 25 August, both from 7.30am. These breakfasts are an opportunity for customers to present their views on Murray Irrigation and its services. Customer feedback will be crucial to formulating the company's new strategy which will be presented in November.

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.

June quarter accounts due

June quarter accounts are due by Friday 28 August. To be eligible for customer discounts all outstanding fees must be paid by this date. Murray Irrigation accepts all payment options listed on your invoice including cheque or bank deposit, but does not accept cash. 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 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Finley Showgrounds. The day includes 18 specialist trade displays with a focus on the latest technology in soil moisture monitoring, surface and spray irrigation technology, and automation of irrigation. Entry is free and includes BBQ lunch. For information, contact Southern Growers Executive Officer, Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

An evening with Jane Bunn

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is hosting meteorologist Jane Bunn to discuss the coming season at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel from 6.30pm on Tuesday 18 August. All are welcome to the evening which will include presentations by myself and Southern Riverina Irrigators. RSVPs to Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785 by Friday 14 August.

Michael Renehan,
CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(11/08/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 158 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 4,927 ML
Price Range \$206 - \$482
Buy Offer..... \$190
Yesterday's Sales..... 100 ML
Price Range \$200

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

04/08/15 – 10/08/15

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....7; 1,257ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 8; 1,103ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 154ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...12,814ML(week)...36,371ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	650	10,000
Wakool Canal	300	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

04/08/15 – 10/08/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.2mm 10.1mm
Tullakool..... 0.8mm 12.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,745 GL.....71 %
Hume.....1,253 GL.....42 %
Lake Victoria.....447 GL.....66 %
Menindee Lakes99 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,544 GL.....49 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,516 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 15,030 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,090 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,766 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,435 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gpn open

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Tuesday from 6.45am on 1521 2QN.**