

Talking Water

Tuesday 18 August 2015



Murray Irrigation

Outlet upgrade PIOP lunch

Customers in the Wakool area are invited to attend a lunch/workshop by Murray Irrigation regarding the outlet upgrade program. The workshop will be held on Friday 28 August at the Wakool Services Club, starting at 12.30pm with a BBQ lunch, followed by a presentation.

Customers attending will have a better understanding of the criteria as part of the company's consultation process that is now commencing in the Wakool area. It will also be an opportunity to meet some of our PIOP team members. For further enquires please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

OFIEP Round 5 workshops

Murray Irrigation is holding information workshops for applicants involved in the Round 5 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. These workshops will explain requirements for the Stage 2 Application. Applicants are strongly urged to attend. Dates and venues are as follows:

- Wednesday 2 September – Wakool Services Club;
- Thursday 3 September – Deniliquin Coach House;
- Friday 4 September – Finley Bowling Club.

All workshops **start at 10.00am** and finish at 1.00pm. For more information please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Channel refilling operations

Customers are reminded that they must indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advance notice as possible. Refilling of major canals is continuing, however, 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.

For information, contact your Channel Attendant directly, or call Murray Irrigation reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

DPI Water announced yesterday that general security allocation will remain unchanged in the NSW Murray. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation remains at zero percent for general security (Class C) entitlement

customers. The NSW Murray high security allocation increased by 15 per cent to 95 percent of entitlement.

Yesterday's announcement also included a water availability outlook for mid-October and mid-December, covering a range of possible inflow scenarios. A copy of the DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

CEO breakfast open to all

Murray Irrigation is hosting informal 'meet and greet' breakfasts at each of our offices this month. The next breakfast will be in Finley from 7.30am on Tuesday 25 August. 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.

MILCast rice flumes

Customers are advised that due to an increase in material costs, there has been a price change to two MILCast rice flume products. The price of the two respective products (codes RSF600 and RSF800) has been updated in the MILCast catalogue, available via the 'MILCast' section of our website:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au. For assistance, contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051.

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.

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 tonight. 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.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(18/08/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 150 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 7,321 ML
Price Range \$202 - \$482
Buy Offer..... \$195
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,569 ML
Price Range \$199 - \$205
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

11/08/15 – 17/08/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....21; 3,556ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 550ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 6; 1,161ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 4; 2,945ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-1,455ML(week)...34,916ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	850	10,000
Wakool Canal	150	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

11/08/15 – 17/08/15 Rain Evap
Finley 10.1mm 11.1mm
Tullakool.....5.4mm 11.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,713 GL.....70 %
Hume.....1,305 GL.....43 %
Lake Victoria.....442 GL.....65 %
Menindee Lakes99 GL.....6 %
Active Storage.....4,559 GL.....49 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 8,931 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 13,632 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge1,002 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 3,153 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,435 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 6 gates open