

Talking Water

Tuesday 5 May 2015



Murray Irrigation

End of irrigation season

Murray Irrigation will close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes next **Monday 11 May**. This follows an assessment of customer demand, which was not sufficient enough to justify an extension. Customers on channels linked to accredited escapes will have limited access to opportunistic off-allocation water once the offtakes are closed.

Division 5 channel offtakes were closed yesterday, while **Divisions 4, 6, 7 and 10** channel offtakes will be closed on Monday 11 May. In these divisions, off-allocation deliveries will be for one week only and are opportunistic.

In all remaining divisions, access to off-allocation will be influenced by customer demand and your landholding's location. Divisions 9, 14 and 16 are linked to accredited escapes and will have limited access to off-allocation. For more information, please contact your Water Distribution Supervisor, via reception on T. 1300 138 265. Changes are to be made via the *Water ordering* system online login water.murrayirrigation.com.au, or by calling the *Water ordering* phone line on T. 1300 781 431.

Stock and domestic requirements

Customers should ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to the offtakes closing. Water will not be stored in channels during the closure period due to maintenance requirements. Customers should place water orders as soon as possible. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Carryover

Customers are reminded that up to 50 percent of their Class C water Entitlements will automatically be carried over to the 2015/16 irrigation season. Customers with more than one landholding are advised to balance their remaining water allocation over all landholdings to gain full effect of carryover. If you have a merged account there is no need to transfer remaining allocation between landholdings. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

SLOS Winter Works

Murray Irrigation will soon commence its Standard Level of Service (SLOS) Winter Works program. Central Remote Control (CRC) mechanical installations will be

taking place on 31 regulator sites in Division 6 from next week until mid-June.

Level sensor tubewell installations for CRC upgrades are also scheduled to take place in Divisions 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11 and 12 from mid-May, while work in Divisions 17 to 21 will commence mid-June.

The contractor completing the installations will be accessing work sites via the normal Channel Attendant route using light utility vehicles. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 or visit our website and click on 'PIIOP'.

Multiple numbers for SMS alerts

In response to customer feedback, Murray Irrigation has upgraded its *Water ordering* system to allow customers to nominate a second mobile number for customer subscribed SMS alerts. Customers can add an additional number via 'Communication settings' on the online *Water ordering* system.

The change is in addition to the existing option for customers to authorise others to access and use their water accounts, while limiting access to certain functions. This allows other authorised person(s) to choose their own SMS settings.

MILCast price increase

MILCast wish to advise customers that there will be a 10 percent price increase on all products effective 1 June 2015. 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. The MILCast Standard Terms and Conditions are available via the 'MILCast' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. An updated product catalogue with prices will be available on the website prior to 1 June. For further information, please contact Mel Evans at MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051.

Quarterly accounts

Third quarter accounts for 2014/15 were sent to customers last week. If you have not received an account, please contact our Finance team, via reception, on T. 1300 138 265.

Jennifer McLeod, Executive Manager

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(05/05/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 16 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 142 GL
On-Farm Usage 721 GL
(Including Off-Allocation usage of 7 GL)

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 1,984 ML
Price Range \$129 - \$190
Buy Offer..... \$102
Yesterday's Sales..... 362 ML
Price Range \$115 - \$129
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

28/04/15 – 04/05/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....20; 1,572ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 1; 387ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 33; 1,870ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 5; 89ML
Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... 410ML(week)...+94,721ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 7GL (47% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,347	10,000
Wakool Canal	443	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

28/04/15 – 04/05/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 16.1mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 19.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,897 GL.....75 %
Hume.....620 GL.....21 %
Lake Victoria.....235 GL.....35 %
Menindee Lakes65 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....3,817 GL.....41 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,059 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,977 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge950 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 319 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 5,083 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open

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