

Special Talking Water

Monday 10 April 2017



Murray Irrigation

End of 2016/17 irrigation season arrangements

Murray Irrigation is currently planning to close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am on Monday 8 May.

In order to complete PIOP Round 2 by October 2017, the company is planning its most significant construction and maintenance winter works program to date.

We will be conducting a modified drainage procedure from Monday 8 May. Off-allocation deliveries will commence on an opportunistic basis immediately after these closures.

Customers are strongly encouraged to give advance notice of irrigation demand, including any changes to orders, to assist with channel operations. Changes are to be made via the *Water ordering* system online login water.murrayirrigation.com.au, or by calling the telephone ordering system T. 1300 781 431.

To guarantee supply, all customers must have their irrigation programs finalised by Monday 8 May. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after this date.

Customers should also ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to Monday 8 May.

Special note: Customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6

The Berrigan Main Canal offtake will be closed on Monday 1 May to allow early drainage, with PIOP Round 3 construction works to commence on Monday 8 May.

To guarantee water delivery, customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 should complete irrigation programs prior to Monday 1 May.

Off-allocation deliveries may be available on an opportunistic basis after this closure, however, an accelerated draining program will be implemented immediately. If this is going to significantly affect your program, please contact Customer Support immediately to discuss arrangements.

Affected Murray Irrigation customers will be updated on progress as construction proceeds. It is anticipated that there should be normal water delivery access for the commencement of the 2017/18 irrigation season.

Key dates	Information
Monday 1 May 2017 Berrigan Main Canal offtake closed. Off-allocation deliveries for customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 <u>may</u> be available on an <u>opportunistic basis</u> after this closure.	Orders must be placed before 6.30am on Monday 24 April 2017 to guarantee supply.
Monday 8 May 2017 Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes closed. Off-allocation deliveries commence on an <u>opportunistic basis</u> .	Orders must be placed before 6.30am on Monday 1 May 2017 to guarantee supply.
Monday 5 June 2017 Any outlets still operating will be finished and a final meter reading recorded.	

For operational information about the system closure, or for further information, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

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