



SAFETY FIRST

Safety and health at work

Safe Work Australia will recognise World Day for Safety and Health at Work and Workers' Memorial Day on Friday 28 April. This is a day when we honour those who have died at work and think about how our actions can prevent future work-related deaths, injuries and illnesses. By raising awareness and taking the lead in work health and safety, we can help prevent further injuries and death. For full details, visit:

www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/site/s/swa/media-events/world-safety-day/pages/world-safety-day.

Offtakes to close Monday 8 May

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

To guarantee supply, all customers must have their irrigation programs finalised by Monday 8 May. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after this date. Customers are strongly encouraged to give advance notice of irrigation demand, including any changes to orders, to assist with channel operations. Customers should also ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to Monday 8 May.

For more information, see the special *Talking Water* distributed to customers yesterday, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

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 PIIOP 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.

Customer feedback groups

Murray Irrigation held an extensive customer consultation program across our region in March. There were 28 group meetings in total, resulting in 173 feedback forms being submitted from customers who represented 379 landholdings. Information from this feedback is currently being compiled and will be valuable to assist with future decision making.

Around June (after harvest and sowing), we propose to present the results from this project to these same groups.

Murray Irrigation extends a sincere thank you to the customers who attended these meetings and provided open and honest feedback.

Listings on Water Exchange

When listing entitlements or allocation for sale on the Water Exchange, customers must ensure they enter their correct bank account details for their seller payment. Historically it was believed that using the account number '1' would default to previously used bank details. However, this is incorrect and causes the payment to be rejected. For assistance, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

West Berriquin branch meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators are holding a short branch meeting this Wednesday 12 April. The meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm. For full details, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

Easter office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed over the Easter long weekend from 5.00pm this Thursday 13 April and will reopen 8.30am on Tuesday 18 April. MILCast will also be closed during this time.

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone service will remain open and water deliveries will not be affected with Channel Attendants and Customer Support staff working as normal.

Talking Water will be sent to customers on Wednesday 19 April. For more information please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(11/04/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....39 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 305 GL
On-Farm Usage 764 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 11,191 ML
Price Range \$38 - \$125
Buy Offer \$32
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,229 ML
Price Range \$37 - \$39

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

04/04/17 – 10/04/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)...36; 4,502ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....15; 3,942ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 560ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade.. -1,136ML(week).. 7,374ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....25GL (25% on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,917	10,000
Wakool Canal	766	2,350
Escape flows	600	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

04/04/17 – 10/04/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.5mm 23.7mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 34.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,997 GL.....78 %
Hume.....1,846 GL.....61 %
Lake Victoria.....324 GL.....48 %
Menindee Lakes839 GL.....48 %
Total Storage.....6,006 GL.....65 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 12,400 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,009 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 847 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 3,027 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1,199 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 6,032 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 25 gates open

This information is provided for general reference purposes only. Murray Irrigation takes best endeavours to ensure accuracy. It is collated at 8.00am Tuesdays and is subject to change.