



Tentative channel filling dates

Murray Irrigation is considering opening the Mulwala Canal offtake on Monday 24 July and the Wakool Main Canal offtake on Monday 31 July for channel filling purposes. These dates are tentative and will depend on customer demand.

Customers are requested to indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advanced notice as possible. Alternatively, customers can contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 to discuss their requirements. Once offtakes are opened, Murray Irrigation will be conducting a modified filling procedure to allow for the completion of Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Winter Works.

Allocation increases to 13 percent

DPI Water announced yesterday a two percent increase in general security entitlements allocation for the NSW Murray. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation is now 13 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. To access a copy of the DPI Water announcement, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. The next allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Tuesday 1 August.

Chances of improvement

DPI Water's announcement also included additional detailed information for the NSW Murray, including a comparison with last year and chances of improvement in water availability under different inflow scenarios. According to the report, NSW Murray general security allocation will only reach 30 percent by November if current 'very dry' conditions continue.

Regional allocation summary

The following outlines announced allocation for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas as at Monday 17 July:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	66 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	20 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	36 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	100 percent

Outstanding charges

Customers with outstanding charges relating to the March quarter (and prior) will be placed on 'stop supply' from Tuesday 1 August 2017. Customers will be contacted and advised of the out of terms charges prior to this deadline. If you are unsure about these charges, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 prior to 1 August to avoid any disruption in supply.

Position vacant – project engineer

Murray Irrigation is seeking a full-time Project Engineer, to be based in Deniliquin or Finley. This vacancy follows the recent retirement of one of our long-serving employees. The key objectives of this role include surveying, investigation, measurement and design of water distribution and drainage infrastructure works. Closing date for applications is 5.00pm Sunday 23 July 2017. For full details, visit:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/job/3798/project-engineer-infrastructure.

A friendly reminder...

Chemical drums:

If chemical drums and/or their contents enter the channel system, they can impact water delivery and cause environmental issues. So, a friendly reminder to keep channel banks clear of chemical drums and other packaging.

Denimein Fire Brigade AGM

Denimein Fire Brigade is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Pretty Pine Recreation Ground from 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 August. For more information, contact Captain Andrew Brain on M. 0429 875 455.

Benchmarking evening

Southern Growers Inc. is hosting a benchmarking and guest panel evening at the Finley Recreation Reserve from 6.30pm next Monday 24 July. If you're interested in attending, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750 or E. southerngrowersinc@gmail.com.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 13 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(18/07/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....53 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 409 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 3,710 ML
Price Range \$118 - \$175
Buy Offer \$110
Yesterday's Sales..... 988 ML
Price Range \$115 - \$120

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

11/07/17 – 17/07/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...12; 3,890ML
External buyers (No. & ML)...4; 2,573ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...35; 6,288ML
External sellers (No. & ML)...1; 175ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -1,837ML (week) -11,837ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

11/07/17 – 17/07/17 Rain Evap
Finley 1.8mm 10.5mm
Tullakool..... 3.2mm 10.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,028 GL.....79 %
Hume.....2,222 GL.....74 %
Lake Victoria.....423 GL.....62 %
Menindee Lakes766 GL.....44 %
Total Storage.....6,439 GL.....69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 2,287 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,534 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...3,772 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,401 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 331 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,896 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 34 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.