

Talking Water

Wednesday 24 April 2019



Murray Irrigation

End of season system closure

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes will close at 8.00am on Wednesday 8 May to commence major off-season works. The major off-season works will be the last in the PIOP program which has seen the largest major infrastructure upgrade ever for Murray Irrigation.

What you need to do

- If you completed the *Autumn Irrigation Intentions Survey*, confirm this information by placing an order as early as possible. It will help finalise delivery schedules and drainage plans
- Orders **must** be placed not later than **6.30am Wednesday 1 May** to guarantee supply until system closure
- **All deliveries after Wednesday 8 May** will be opportunistic only; Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after Wednesday 8 May
- With the cut-off date in mind, all on-farm dams should be filled to accommodate stock and domestic requirements.

Key dates

Wednesday 1 May 2019 – 6.30am
Deadline for orders if they are to be guaranteed.

Wednesday 8 May 2019

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes will close. Major lateral offtakes closed. Accredited escapes opened at maximum rates allowed by WaterNSW. Water remaining in the Wakool system will be available as off allocation to Wakool customers only.

Wednesday 24 July 2019

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes opened to commence filling system.

For more details on system closure, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Sustainability Product

Customers who placed an Expression of Interest (EOI) in the Sustainability Product were notified on Friday 12 April. There was a significant amount of interest by customers, meaning the product was over-subscribed.

If you need more information or help accepting your offer, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Closure dates for trade

Below are key dates for the closure of internal and external annual trade for the 2018/19 season:

- **5.00pm Monday 17 June** – closure of Water Exchange
- **5.00pm Thursday 20 June** – closure of external transfers to/from Murray Irrigation
- **11.59pm Sunday 23 June** – closure of internal annual transfers and access to water accounts through the customer portal
- **9.00am Monday 1 July** – reopening of Water Exchange and customer water accounts.

For more information contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Quarterly statements

Statements for accounts will soon be sent to customers. If your statement shows an outstanding amount that you believe is already paid, contact Finance via Customer Support. When paying invoices, confirm the *BPay* reference number. If paying by direct deposit, use your Customer Account Number as the reference. NOTE: the December quarter was out of terms on 31 March 2019.

The customer portal is changing!

The Customer Support team has been working tirelessly with the MIL Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) team and using feedback from the February customer focus groups to create a customer portal for next season that will be vibrant and functional. Updates will be posted each week in *Talking Water*, describing new functions and how customer feedback has helped shape the portal's development and more. Stay tuned!

MILCast closed on Friday 26 April

MILCast will be closed all of Friday 26 April. It will be open Tuesday 23 April and Wednesday 24 April as usual for that week.

River Reach newsletter

The second instalment of the new MDBA monthly newsletter is available [here](#)! This month River Reach investigates how the MDBA is planning for future water use and partnering with communities. You can subscribe directly [here](#).

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0%
Water resource distribution 10%
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and deliveries

(23/04/19)
YTD deliveries..... 446 GL
Weekly deliveries 19,500.27 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (50%)
On-farm balance 66,950 ML
WE in customer accounts..... 831 WE
Vol. % remaining 8%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake..... 238 ML
Mulwala Offtake 1,257 ML
Billabong Escape..... 50 ML
Edward River Escape..... 238 ML
Perricoota Escape..... 0 ML
Wakool River Escape..... 0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 55 ML
Net trade YTD 72,985 ML

Water exchange data

(16/04/19 – 22/04/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML)....40; 2,427ML
External listings (No. & ML).....4; 325ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML).....46; 948ML
Ext. purchases (No.& ML).....1; 81ML

Water for sale (23/04/19).....2,600ML
Weighted average sale price.....\$589.94
Price range\$625 - \$800
Buy offer range.....\$590 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

15/04/19 – 22/04/19 Rain Evap
Finley 6.1mm 39.0mm
Tullakool..... 2.4mm 43.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,446 GL.....63 %
Hume.....447 GL.....15 %
Lake Victoria.....174 GL.....26 %
Menindee Lakes17 GL.....1 %
Total Storage.....3,084 GL.....33 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,705 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,252 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge..... 927 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 202 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....1 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 4,904 ML/d
Murray to the sea 4 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.