

TalkingWater

Tuesday, 5 May 2020



Murray Irrigation

Winter Operations – water orders closed

Customer online water ordering closed on Friday, 1 May 2020 for guaranteed delivery of water.

The guaranteed delivery dates can be found [here](#).

Further requests for water will be assessed in-line with our winter operations and maintenance plan.

Please note that delivery of any new water order requests is not guaranteed.

Contact our Customer Operations Team on 1300 138 265 for further information and enquiries.

Closure dates for trade

Below are key dates for the closure of internal and external trades for the 2019/2020 season.

- **5.00pm Friday, 19 June 2020** – closure of Water Exchange
- **5.00pm Monday, 22 June 2020** – closure of external transfers to/from Murray Irrigation
- **11.59pm Wednesday, 24 June 2020** – closure of internal annual transfers and access to water accounts through the customer portal
- **9.00am Wednesday, 1 July 2020** – reopening of Water Exchange and customer water accounts.

Office Closures

A reminder to our customers that our offices are currently closed to help reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, in-line with Australian Government recommendations.

We encourage customers to use our online customer portal or contact our Customer Operations team, between 7am and 7pm, on 1300 138 265 or email customersupport@murrayirrigation.com.au if you have any queries.

Water Sharing Plan feedback

Murray Irrigation, along with input from the local Stakeholder Advisory Panel, provided feedback to the Department of Primary Industries and Environment last week on the draft Water Sharing Plan (WSP) that covers our region.

The WSPs are a legislative tool that determines the operational rules for water users and the environment in the Murray Valley to our irrigators.

This is one of the nine regulated river WSPs being completed by the NSW Government, which is expected to be gazetted by 1 July 2020.

FREE Mental Health Matters webinar

The Australian Red Cross is providing a free Mental Health Matters webinar.

The 90-minute interactive online training will help participants understand more about:

- Recognising mental health concerns
- Recovery and resilience
- Active intent
- Local assistance and support

To register, contact Madelyn on 0451 776 722 or email firstaid@redcross.org.au.

Further information, including session times, can be found [here](#).

St Vincent de Paul - Drought Assistance

Eligible farmers, farm workers or farm suppliers/contractors who are doing it tough because of the drought, may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000 funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 (DCSI).

Click [here](#) for FAQs, further information or to apply.

MDBA weekly report (as at 29 Apr)

The MDBA total active storage increased by 35GL to 2,290GL (or 27% capacity). Click [here](#) to see the full report.

Announced allocation

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| Class C General Security | 0% |
| Allocation Advance..... | 5% |
| Water resource distribution | 2% |
| (issued against Delivery Entitlements) | |

Water availability and deliveries

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| (05/05/20) | |
| YTD deliveries..... | 259,806 ML |
| Customers..... | 83,383 ML |
| DPIE Deliveries..... | 14,526 ML |
| WaterNSW Deliveries..... | 161,897 ML |
| Weekly Deliveries..... | 999 ML |
| Weekly crop usage..36% (Annual Pasture) | |
| Customer account balance | 62,382 ML |
| WE in customer accounts | 824,677 WE |
| Vol. % remaining | 8% |

Channel flows today

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Wakool Offtake..... | 38 ML |
| Mulwala Offtake..... | 48 ML |
| Billabong Escape..... | 0 ML |
| Edward River Escape | 0 ML |
| Perricoota Escape | 0 ML |
| Wakool River Escape | 0 ML |

Water trade data

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| Net trade week | 685 ML |
| Net trade YTD..... | -8,699 ML |

Water exchange data

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| (04/05/20) | |
| Internal listings (No. & ML)..... | 8;345.58 ML |
| External listings (No. & ML)..... | 0;0 ML |
| Int. purchasers (No. & ML)..... | 10;263.00 ML |
| Ext purchasers (No. & ML)..... | 1;100.00 ML |

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| Water for sale @ 04/05/20..... | 4,007.18 ML |
| Weighted average sale price..... | \$279 |
| Price range @ 04/05/20..... | \$300 - \$800 |
| Buy offer range @ 04/05/20..... | \$250 - \$200 |

Rainfall and evaporation

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| 28/04/20 – 04/05/20 (weather.csiro.au) | |
| Rain..... | Evap |
| Finley | 46mm..... 15mm |
| Tullakool..... | 8mm..... 14.7mm |

Storages*

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| 8.30am today (mdba.gov.au) | |
| Dartmouth | 1,887 GL ↑..... 49 % ↑ |
| Hume | 513 GL ↑..... 17 % ↑ |
| Lake Victoria | 279 GL ↑..... 41 % ↑ |
| Menindee Lakes..... | 341 GL ↑..... 20 % ↑ |
| Total Storage..... | 3,020 GL ↑..... 33 % -- |

Rivers*

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| 8.30am today (mdba.gov.au) | |
| Murray @ Doctors Point | 6,349 ML/d |
| Goulburn d/s Yarra. Weir | 21,270 ML/d |
| Murray @ McCoy Bridge..... | 12,386 ML/d |
| M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... | 279 ML/d |
| Darling @ Burtundy..... | 288 ML/d |
| Flow to SA..... | 4,518 ML/d |
| Murray to the sea | 0 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.