



SAFETY FIRST

Snakes alive

Warmer weather brings with it more sightings of snakes with both brown and tiger snakes known to take up residency around our irrigation channels. Protective clothing such as long pants and boots significantly reduce the chances of snake bite. When working in scrub and around water be observant and pay attention to where you step and/or place your hands. Don't forget to check your first aid kit includes appropriate bandages and refresh your knowledge of how to manage bites.

New Water Minister

The new Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, announced the new Ministry on Sunday confirming NSW National Barnaby Joyce as the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources. He will be assisted by South Australian Senator and Renmark Irrigator, Anne Ruston as his Assistant Minister.

CEWH trade intentions

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder is currently investigating opportunities to trade temporary water to help meet environmental demands. This includes a potential sale of 20GL of allocation in the Goulburn valley with proceeds set aside for a later purchase of allocations to result in a net improvement in environmental outcomes. The CEWH has not yet announced how or when this sale may occur and is currently implementing improvements to its open tender process before considering preferred timing. More information is available online at: www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo. Select the portfolio management and trade menu option on the left hand side.

Senate inquiry

The Senate Committee inquiry into the impacts of the Basin Plan is calling for submissions due by this Friday 25 September. Submissions should explain issues with the Plan and recommendations for improvement to implementation where possible. For more information go to: www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/senate/murray_darling_basin_plan.

Postal ballot for Director vacancies

Murray Irrigation announced an election to fill three Board vacancies, which arise by scheduled rotation. The candidates are:

- Mark Robertson;
- Roger Reynoldson;
- John Bradford;
- Christopher Brooks; and
- Gary Hare

Ballot papers must be completed in accordance with ballot paper instructions and be received by the Australian Electoral Commission by 5.00pm Friday 9 October 2015. Enquiries (including replacement ballot papers) should be directed to the AEC returning officer, Ben Murray on T. 03 9285 7129.

Berriquin 'meet the candidates'

Berriquin Irrigators' Council will host an event this Thursday 24 September at the Finley RS Club to give members an opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates for the Murray Irrigation Board election. Members will also have an opportunity to hear from the BIC Chair and invited guests about the latest in water politics. The meeting commences at 7.00pm with refreshments provided.

Water Exchange terms and conditions

Customers are reminded that the Murray Irrigation Water Exchange *Terms and Conditions* can be found on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Water' then 'Water trade' and 'Terms and conditions'. Alternatively, customers can contact Water Trade via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Wakool Landholders AGM

Wakool Landholders Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Club from 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 23 September. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. For more information, contact Dave May on M. 0427 539 248.

West Berriquin 'Speak Up' campaign

West Berriquin Irrigators have initiated a 'Speak Up' campaign. The campaign aims to better educate people on the importance of irrigated agriculture and the Basin Plan. For details visit the campaign Facebook page 'Southern Irrigators - the Food Bowl for the World', or follow the campaign on Twitter: @West_Berriquin

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 4 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(22/09/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 18 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 154 GL
On-Farm Usage 15 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 3,413 ML
Price Range \$213 - \$500
Buy Offer..... \$185
Yesterday's Sales..... 44 ML
Price Range \$200 - \$214
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

15/09/15 – 21/09/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....38; 3,373ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 33; 1,770ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 7; 1,603ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade....3,370ML(week)...39,774ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,296	10,000
Wakool Canal	747	2,350
Escape flows	23	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

15/09/15 – 21/09/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 24.9mm
Tullakool..... 0.4mm 25.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,564 GL......66 %
Hume.....1,502 GL......50 %
Lake Victoria.....612 GL......90 %
Menindee Lakes103 GL......6 %
Active Storage.....4,781 GL......52 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,127 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 11,927 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge810 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 4,714 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 10,260 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 10 gates open