



## SAFETY FIRST

### Handling hazardous materials

Do you and your employees know how to handle hazardous materials safely? Take care when applying controlled substances this season. Ensure you are familiar with chemical properties by reviewing the Safety Data Sheets regularly. This includes protective clothing requirements and what you must do in the event of a spill or overspray into waterways. Please report any environmental spills to Murray Irrigation on T. 1300 138 265 or the Environment Protection Authority T. 131 555.

### Meet our Management Team

Murray Irrigation's Management Team invites customers to join them for a barbecue near Tocumwal next week. The barbecue will be held at Ted and Fran Hatty's property 'Wondilibi' on Thorburn Rd, Tocumwal from 12.30pm on Tuesday 13 October. All customers are welcome to attend and meet Murray Irrigation's Management Team.

### Allocation announcement

DPI Water announced on Thursday a **two percent** increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now **six percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement customers. The DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website:

[www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

### 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 this Friday 9 October 2015**. Enquiries (including replacement ballot papers) should be

directed to the AEC returning officer, Ben Murray on T. 03 9285 7129.

### Round 5 On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency

Eligible On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Round 5 applicants are reminded that the deadline to submit completed Stage 2 Applications to Murray Irrigation is **5.00pm today, Wednesday 7 October**. Murray Irrigation Project Officers have also been in contact with these applicants which were granted in-principal approval from the Commonwealth in August 2015. For further information, please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### New MILCast office

MILCast has officially opened its new office in Finley. The office is located at the back of Murray Irrigation's Finley office, at the end of Murray Hut Drive. For all MILCast enquiries, contact T. 03 5888 3051.

### Grain storage field day

Southern Growers is hosting a grain storage field day from 3.30pm this Thursday 8 October. It will be held at Warren and Allison Lang's property on Plumptions Rd Finley. The field day will address changes in grain storage, grain storage treatments, sealed store and phosphine use, aeration and its applications. A barbecue and refreshments will follow. For more information contact Stephanie Chappell from Southern Growers on M. 0417 444 750.

### Denimein Landholders' AGM

Denimein Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Pretty Pine Hotel from 7.00pm this Thursday 8 October. For more details, contact Adrian Smith on M. 0447 778 515 or Adrian Dunmore on M. 0428 816 901.

### Managing duck damage

Rice growers in the Riverina have welcomed changes to the NSW Native Game Bird Management Program which will help them sustainably manage duck damage to their crops. DPI recently conducted an extensive review of the first year of its Native Game Bird Management Program, which has led to a number of recommendations. For further details, visit the DPI website:

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting), or call T. 02 6391 3750.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 6 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 3 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(07/10/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 19 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 164 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 77 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 3,525 ML  
Price Range ..... \$243 - \$500  
Buy Offer..... \$203  
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,807 ML  
Price Range ..... \$240 - \$245

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

30/09/15 – 06/10/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....40; 3,674ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 302ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 43; 3,264ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 3; 712ML

### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....2,563ML(week)....41,995ML(YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 26 GL (58% on winter crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,244	10,000
Wakool Canal	587	2,350
Escape flows	298	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

30/09/15 – 06/10/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 48.1mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 54.4mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,491 GL..... 65 %  
Hume.....1,427 GL.....47 %  
Lake Victoria.....599 GL..... 89 %  
Menindee Lakes .....100 GL.....6 %  
Active Storage.....4,617 GL..... 50 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 16,414 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 13,226 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....5,064 ML/d  
M'Bidgie d/s Balranald..... 1,172 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 10,980 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 7 gates open