



SAFETY FIRST

Road safety during harvest

During the harvest season, there is a significant increase in heavy vehicles on the road. Some of the vehicles can be over width, slow moving farm machinery. This creates an increase in hazardous circumstances for road users. Please be vigilant at all times and take care when approaching or passing heavy vehicles.

2015 Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last Thursday 19 November. The CEO's presentation to the AGM, and the 2015 Annual Report are available online. Visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on 'Corporate' then 'Annual Reports'. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

New Murray Irrigation Chairman

Following the AGM, Murray Irrigation's Board of Directors held the bi-annual election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman. Mark Robertson was elected the new Chairman of the company, with outgoing Chair, Bruce Simpson, elected Deputy Chair. Full details are in Friday's *Board report*, available via the 'Chairman's report' section of our website (link in right hand column of home page).

Murrumbidgee trade closes

DPI Water announced on Friday that trade out of the Murrumbidgee valley closed. Trade out of the Murrumbidgee valley opened on Thursday 19 November, but was closed following unprecedented trade and the trade limit was reached again. Full details can be found on the DPI Water website at: www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases.

Next allocation announcement

DPI Water's next allocation announcement is due next Tuesday 1 December.

Withdrawing a pre-paid buy bid

Water Exchange customers are advised that pre-paid buy bids can now be withdrawn online via the 'Exchange History' section of the customer portal. Listing of pre-paid buy bids is still via 'Form WEX/4I' for internal customers, or 'Form WEX/4E' for external customers. Alteration of a pre-paid buy bid still requires a full withdrawal

either online or via 'Form WEX/6' and a new application to list is required. For further information, contact Water Trade via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Improving customer service

Water Distribution Manager Scott Barlow will be working from the Murray Irrigation Finley office on Fridays and the Wakool office on Mondays, until further notice. Scott will be available for either drop-in (opportunistic) or scheduled appointments. Appointments and enquiries can be made by emailing scott.barlow@murrayirrigation.com.au, or calling reception on T. 1300 138 265.

First quarter invoices due Friday

Payment of first quarter invoices are due by **5.00pm this Friday 27 November**. For more information, or if you are having difficulty paying your account, contact our Finance department on T. 1300 138 265.

National Irrigators' Council website

The National Irrigators' Council (NIC) has updated its website. People can now access the policies and principles of the NIC. The website is www.irrigators.org.au and the 2014/15 annual report is available under the 'Policy' tab.

AWBA assures irrigators

Following last week's article in *Talking Water*, the Australian Water Brokers Association (AWBA) wishes to remind irrigators that its members are obliged to operate in accordance with a Code of Conduct to ensure integrity and efficiency. If irrigators have been approached by anyone making false claims about the market or changes to regulations they are encouraged to contact AWBA immediately on T. 1300 568 668. For more information go to www.awba.org.au.

Rice Extension

Rice Extension is calling for young and innovative farmers, agri-professional and tertiary students to attend the free Innovators Club workshop this Thursday 26 and Friday 27 November in Deniliquin. There will be a range of expert speakers on grain marketing, business structures and growth, irrigation management, agronomy and farming systems. Dinner on the Thursday night will be hosted by the Rice Growers' Association. RSVPs are essential by 5.00pm today to Troy Mauger, Rice Extension Officer, Murray Valley on M. 0417 375 168.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 14 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(24/11/15)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....22 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 190 GL
On-Farm Usage 129 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 6,753 ML
Price Range \$269 - \$1,000
Buy Offer..... \$252
Yesterday's Sales..... 115 ML
Price Range \$250 - \$262
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

17/11/15 – 23/11/15
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....7; 333ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 711ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 16; 1,024ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 20ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade...8,164ML(week)...36,342ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm.....N/A

Channel flows today (ML/day)

| | Actual | Capacity |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Mulwala Canal | 2,632 | 10,000 |
| Wakool Canal | 179 | 2,350 |
| Escape flows | 1,400 | 3,250 |

Rainfall and evaporation

17/11/15 – 23/11/15 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 65.4mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 73.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,263 GL.....59 %
Hume.....1,396 GL.....46 %
Lake Victoria.....590 GL.....87 %
Menindee LakesN/A.....N/A
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 13,488 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,114 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge571 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,718 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 6,389 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open