



## SAFETY FIRST

### Drive safely these holidays

To ensure you get to your destination safely this festive season, we recommend the following:

- Prepare your vehicle - have it serviced and check that you're prepared for emergencies with a blanket, torch and first aid kit.
- Prepare yourself - rest before a long drive, plan the trip and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue.
- Ensure children are in the appropriate child restraint.
- Make sure pets are restrained.
- Check towing equipment when towing a trailer or caravan.

### Allocation announcement

DPI Water this morning announced a **four percent increase** in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation is now **19 percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. The latest 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).

### PIIOP website

Murray Irrigation has revamped the 'PIIOP' section of its website. The new and improved PIIOP section includes detailed information about the project, maps, photos, an archive of customer testimonials, newspaper advertisements, media releases, radio interviews and a glossary of terms. To access the new section, visit [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au) and click on the 'PIIOP' tile on our home page. Alternatively, customers can contact reception on T. 1300 138 265 for assistance.

### Talking Water registrations

Customers are reminded that they can adjust their personal communication settings without having to contact Murray Irrigation. This includes updating preferences to receive *Talking Water* via email or fax. Simply login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. Here you can select to receive

various company announcements via SMS or email (or fax for *Talking Water*). Please also remember to check that all of your details (email address, mobile number, fax number) are accurate and up to date. Alternatively, customers can contact Water Trade for assistance, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Multiple numbers for SMS alerts

Customers can nominate a second mobile number for customer subscribed SMS alerts. To add an additional number, login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. This preference is in addition to the existing option for customers to authorise others to access and use their water accounts, while limiting access to certain functions. This allows other authorised person(s) to choose their own SMS settings. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Rice production meetings

Rice growers are invited to attend a rice group meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 16 December at Michael Hughes' property 'Oro', on Moulamein Road, Morago. Topics will include managing current crops, as well as viewing rice trials on the property. Managing crops grown with bore water will also be covered. You don't have to be growing rice this season to attend. For more details, contact Extension Agronomist, John Fowler on M. 0427 079 138.

### Rice field walk

Rice Extension is conducting a rice field walk and discussion afternoon at M&F Chalmers' farm 'Koonwarra', Noorong Road, Barham this Friday 18 December, commencing at 1.30pm. This will be followed by the Wakool RGA branch meeting at 4.00pm and a barbecue dinner and refreshments at 6.00pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes by Wednesday 16 December to Troy Mauger (Rice Extension) on M. 0417 375 168.

### Rice Industry Graduate program

A reminder that applications for Rice Extension's 2016 Rice Industry Graduate program are due by 5.30pm next Monday 21 December. For more information and details about how to apply, please contact the Rice Extension Coordinator at Ricegrowers' Association of Australia Inc. on T. 02 6953 0032 or E. [gplunkett@rga.org.au](mailto:gplunkett@rga.org.au).

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 19 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 3 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(15/12/15)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....23 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 209 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 145 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 6,842 ML  
Price Range ..... \$264 - \$1,000  
Buy Offer..... \$252  
Yesterday's Sales..... 45 ML  
Price Range ..... \$265

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

08/12/15 - 14/12/15  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....11; 563ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 50ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 11; 607ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 6ML

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

Net trade.....1,248ML(week)...38,795ML(YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm.....5 GL (10% on summer crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,746	10,000
Wakool Canal	201	2,350
Escape flows	1,500	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

08/12/15 - 14/12/15 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 8.4mm ..... 66.0mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 78.9mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,098 GL..... 54 %  
Hume.....1,276 GL.....42 %  
Lake Victoria.....556 GL.....82 %  
Menindee Lakes .....77 GL.....4.5 %  
Active Storage.....4,007 GL.....43 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,528 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,939 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....553 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,437 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 6,575 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open