



SAFETY FIRST

New safety section of website

All Murray Irrigation customers have an obligation under the Work Health & Safety Act to ensure they provide a safe workplace for their employees and contractors. For customers involved in any government-funded programs (for example, the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program), these requirements are also identified in their works contracts.

To assist customers with accessing resources relevant to Work Health and Safety, Murray Irrigation has created a new 'Safety' section on its website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on the 'Customers' tab, then 'Safety'. Here you will find a series of links to external WH&S resources.

No allocation increase

DPI Water made no increase in NSW Murray general security entitlements allocation on Friday. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation remains at 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.

The next allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Monday 1 February 2016. Water availability forecasts for the start of the next water year (1 July 2016) will be provided on 15 February and updated on 16 May 2016.

Plan ahead when ordering water

Due to the hot weather and increased demand, customers should remain vigilant to avoid possible delay in water delivery. Please ensure you place your orders well in advance. Rice growers are also reminded that rice crops are approaching the microspore stage. To avoid delays and difficulties, please be aware of your outlet(s) finish time(s).

Customers are reminded that they can set up order end date notifications via SMS for both four days and one day. For assistance contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Ensure details are up to date

Murray Irrigation reminds customers to ensure their contact details are up to date. This includes mailing addresses, email addresses and contact telephone numbers. Details can be updated by the registered owner by submitting a Form 2 'Change of Contact Details' available via the 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. For more information or assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

MILCast open for 2016

Customers are advised that MILCast has re-opened for 2016. For any sales enquiries, contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051, or for more information, visit the 'MILCast' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Dam and storage levels

The MDBA reports that Murray-Darling active storage is currently 3,344GL or 40 percent. For current MDBA river flows and storage levels go to: <http://livedata.mdba.gov.au/>.

According to DPI Water, NSW held around 1,348GL in Murray-Darling storages on 15 January which is 31 percent of NSW storage capacity and 14 percent of total Murray-Darling storage capacity. For information about state storage shares go to: www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/water-sharing.

In the Murrumbidgee system, Burrinjuck is at 53 percent while Blowering is 28 percent with Murrumbidgee general security allocations currently 32 percent. For more information about NSW dam storage levels go to: <http://realtimedata.water.nsw.gov.au/water.stm>.

In Victoria, Lake Eildon on the Goulburn system is at 45 percent while Lake Eppalock on the Campaspe is 30 percent. To access Victorian storage information, visit: www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storage-levels.

Australia Day office closure

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Tuesday 26 January for the Australia Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Wednesday 27 January. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 27 January.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(19/01/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 22 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 176 GL
On-Farm Usage 178 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 7,829 ML
Price Range \$250 - \$500
Buy Offer..... \$246
Yesterday's Sales..... 147 ML
Price Range \$246 - \$250
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

12/01/16 – 18/01/16
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 18; 1,370ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 3; 1,162ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 25; 2,347ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 6; 185ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... -569ML(week) ... 35,664ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm..... 7 GL (10% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,987	10,000
Wakool Canal	188	2,350
Escape flows	1,700	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

12/01/16 – 18/01/16 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 73.4mm
Tullakool..... 0.2mm 76.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth..... 1,863 GL..... 48 %
Hume..... 1,134 GL..... 38 %
Lake Victoria..... 460 GL..... 68 %
Menindee Lakes N/A..... N/A
Active Storage..... 3,344 GL..... 40 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 15,159 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,829 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 582 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,389 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,068 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open