



## SAFETY FIRST

### Farm business handbook

Farmsafe Australia has developed a 'Farm Family Business Handbook' to assist people living in rural communities to identify and manage the most difficult pressures on business, family and the individual - including mental health pressures.

To view the handbook, visit:

[www.farmsafe.org.au/resources/content/1434496510\\_Farm\\_Family\\_Handbook\\_5th%20Edition.pdf](http://www.farmsafe.org.au/resources/content/1434496510_Farm_Family_Handbook_5th%20Edition.pdf).

Alternatively, if you would like to talk to someone, or if you are worried about a family member or friend, call Lifeline Australia on T. 13 11 14.

### Negotiating a Snowy Advance

Murray Irrigation has signed a letter of intent to negotiate an advance of nominally 200GL water in the early 2016/17 season, contingent on achieving government approvals. The advance will be an option and exercise product. The exercised volume will be delivered from Murray Development 'above target water' to protect other water holders and will be repaid in increments when allocations reach a target percentage with no roll-over fee or fixed repayment date. For more information, see the Murray Irrigation media release under 'Latest announcements' on our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

### Four percent allocation increase

DPI Water announced yesterday a **four percent increase** in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's general security (Class C) allocation is now **23 percent**.

The DPI Water announcement can be accessed via 'Water Resources Updates' on the right hand side of the Murray Irrigation website:

[www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). The next allocation update will be on Tuesday 1 March.

### 2016/17 season outlook

The DPI Water announcement yesterday included the first outlook for 2016/17, a month earlier than usual. Due to the low inflows and dry catchment conditions it is likely that general security allocation will commence at zero percent of entitlement

based on assumed carryover of around 500GL (30 percent). Full high security allocations may also be delayed unless there is significant rainfall.

Water availability forecasts for the start of next season will continue to be updated on a monthly basis. The next forecast is due Tuesday 15 March.

### New IVT procedures

DPI Water announced last week new procedures for Murrumbidgee Inter-valley Trade (IVT). Under the new arrangements, the account balance is updated daily at 9.00am and is available through the WaterNSW website at:

[www.waterrsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee](http://www.waterrsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee).

Water users wishing to trade into or out of the Murrumbidgee Valley should monitor the website. For full details, see the DPIW media release via the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).

### Outlet customer consultation

Murray Irrigation is currently conducting outlet consultations with high water use customers across our area of operation. An information brochure explaining the company's updated outlet and meter strategy is now available on our website via the 'PIIOP project' link on our home page and then 'Consultation'. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Second quarter invoices

Payment of second quarter invoices is due by 5.00pm Friday 26 February. To be eligible for the five percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by this date. For assistance, contact our Finance department on T. 1300 138 265.

### Water & climate information session

West Berriquin Irrigators Council is holding a water and climate information session from 6.00pm on Friday 26 February at the Deniliquin RSL Club. Guest speaker is Dr Jennifer Marohasy, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs. The evening will include presentations on water sharing rules and environmental works on-farm. Cost is \$10 per person which includes dinner. Please RSVP by 20 February to Linda Fawns on M. 0409 044 754.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 23 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 3 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(16/02/16)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....23 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 198 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 192 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 8,829 ML  
Price Range ..... \$214 - \$300  
Buy Offer..... \$185  
Yesterday's Sales..... 452 ML  
Price Range ..... \$185 - \$223  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

09/02/16 – 15/02/16

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....28; 1,653ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 102ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....28; 1,746ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 9ML

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

Net trade....3,710ML(week)...35,090ML(YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm.....5 GL (24% on summer crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,327	10,000
Wakool Canal	176	2,350
Escape flows	1,446	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

09/02/16 – 15/02/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 65.2mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 69.7mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....1,733 GL.....45 %  
Hume.....1,073 GL.....36 %  
Lake Victoria.....404 GL.....60 %  
Menindee Lakes .....N/A.....N/A  
Active Storage.....N/A.....N/A

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 12,665 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,126 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....644 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,061 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 9,652 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open