



## SAFETY FIRST

### Low hanging powerlines

Low hanging powerlines are not only a safety hazard for people and stock, they also have the potential to cause fires and destroy property.

All powerline faults or electrical safety concerns should be reported immediately to Essential Energy on T. 13 20 80.

For more information, visit:  
[www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/switch-on-to-safety](http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/switch-on-to-safety).

### Snowy Advance

Applications for participation in Murray Irrigation's 2016/17 Snowy Advance project opened on Friday 15 April. Regulatory approval for the Advance is still pending, however, to ensure customers have time to evaluate the proposal, Murray Irrigation will accept applications subject to the necessary approvals being granted.

Terms and conditions for participation in the Advance are being finalised and will be available on our website this week. A condition of participation is agreement with the terms and conditions.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 13 May 2016. Late applications will not be considered.

For full details on the project, or to access an application form, visit the 'Snowy Advance' section of Murray Irrigation's website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or call reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Customer information sessions

In conjunction with local landholder associations, Murray Irrigation is holding a series of Snowy Advance customer information sessions next week. Details are as follows:

- Denimein/West Berriquin - Tuesday 26 April, 7.00pm (venue TBA).
- Wakool/Denibootea – Wednesday 27 April, 6.00pm at Wakool Services Club.
- Berriquin Irrigators Council – Thursday 28 April, 7.00pm at Finley RS Club.

For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### End of irrigation season planning

Due to the current dry conditions and high irrigation demand, Murray Irrigation has delayed the closing of its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes to 8.00am on Monday 9 May. Orders should be placed by Friday 29 April to ensure delivery. Customers must speak to their Channel Attendant to discuss watering intentions for the remainder of the season (including storage and farm dams for stock and domestic) so Murray Irrigation can plan end of season arrangements, including commencement of PIIOP construction works.

**Channels will be progressively drained over the next three weeks where no irrigation intentions have been indicated.**

All customers must have watering programs finalised by Monday 9 May. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after this date. Further details regarding off-allocation will be in *Talking Water*.

### Regulator Winter Works Program

As part of Murray Irrigation's PIIOP project, there have been 290 regulator sites upgraded to the new Rubicon gate technology (out of a total of 580). During this winter's non-irrigation period, we are targeting a further 160 sites to be upgraded. These sites are located across the Murray Irrigation network (both east and west). A primary target is to complete all major in-channel sites, which can only be worked on once channels are drained.

### No allocation increase

DPI Water announced on Friday no increase to general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's general security (Class C) allocation remains at 23 percent. The announcement also included an update of the water availability outlook for 2016/17. To access the announcement, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website. Allocation updates for the final months of 2015/16 will be mid-month only.

### ANZAC Day office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 25 April for the ANZAC Day public holiday. Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone and internet services will remain open. Water deliveries are not affected, with Channel Attendants and Network Controllers working as normal.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 23 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 6 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(19/04/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 14 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 116 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 302 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 3,616 ML  
Price Range ..... \$257 - \$300  
Buy Offer..... \$215  
Yesterday's Sales..... 305 ML  
Price Range ..... \$250 - \$257  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

12/04/16 – 18/04/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....38; 4,700ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....44; 2,825ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....6; 1,875ML

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

Net trade...1,310ML(week)...22,529ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
GL used on farm.....16 GL (22% on summer crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,577	10,000
Wakool Canal	510	2,350
Escape flows	200	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

12/04/16 – 18/04/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Tullakool..... N/A ..... N/A

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....1,672 GL.....43 %  
Hume.....614 GL.....20 %  
Lake Victoria.....235 GL.....35 %  
Menindee Lakes .....50 GL.....3 %  
Active Storage.....2,571 GL.....28 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 11,093 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 7,550 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....868 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 409 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 4,703 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 2 gates open