



## **SAFETY FIRST**

### **Beware of wildlife on roads**

With winter approaching and both our mornings and evenings getting darker, customers are reminded to be cautious of wildlife on our roads. There have been reports of increased kangaroo and emu numbers on local highways.

Drivers should remain alert at all times, but in particular around dusk/dawn when animal activity is more prominent. Avoid swerving where possible as this can lead to further mishap. Remember to drive to the conditions (i.e. adjust speed accordingly) and ensure headlights are in good working order.

### **Snowy Advance terms and conditions**

Murray Irrigation has finalised the Terms and Conditions for its 2016/17 Snowy Advance project. A condition of participation in the project is agreement with the Terms and Conditions.

The full Terms and Conditions, along with all other relevant information, are available via the 'Snowy Advance' section of our website:

[www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/).

Regulatory approval for Murray Irrigation's 2016/17 Snowy Advance project is still pending. Applications for participation close at 5.00pm Friday 13 May 2016. Late applications will not be considered.

### **Snowy Advance information sessions**

In conjunction with local landholder associations, Murray Irrigation is holding a series of Snowy Advance customer information sessions this week.

Details are as follows:

- Wakool/Denibootea – **Tonight**, 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**

Murray Irrigation is planning to close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am on Monday 9 May.

Customers must speak to their Channel Attendant to discuss watering intentions for the remainder of the season so Murray Irrigation can plan end of season arrangements, including commencement of PIOP construction works.

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

### **Stock and domestic requirements**

Customers should ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to the offtakes closing on Monday 9 May. Customers should place water orders as soon as possible to ensure delivery. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### **External trade closures**

Customers are reminded of the following dates for the close of external annual trade for the 2015/16 season:

- Interstate trade (to or from Victoria or South Australia) – forms must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm tomorrow, Thursday 28 April**.
- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Friday 27 May**.
- The close for use of the Murray Water Exchange facility for Western Murray Irrigation is 5.00pm Thursday 26 May.

### **Sub-System Retirement**

Murray Irrigation's Sub-System Retirement project, located west of Wakool, is well underway with civil contractors (Northern Constructions Group and Moulamein Earthmovers) mobilised to site to commence decommissioning of channels. Scope of works includes the decommissioning of 42km of channel, plus regulators and outlets. Works are scheduled for completion in August 2016.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### **Announced allocation**

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

### **Water availability and usage**

(27/04/16)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 13 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 105 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 317 GL

### **Water exchange**

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 4,423 ML  
Price Range ..... \$255 - \$300  
Buy Offer..... \$220  
Yesterday's Sales..... 698 ML  
Price Range ..... \$256 - \$266

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### **Water use and trade data**

20/04/16 – 26/04/16

#### **Murray Water Exchange activity**

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....22; 2,681ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 65ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....29; 2,374ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....5; 372ML

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

Net trade...-192ML(week)...22,960ML(YTD)

#### **Crop weekly water use**

GL used on farm.....15 GL (21% on summer crops)

### **Channel flows today (ML/day)**

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,164	10,000
Wakool Canal	329	2,350
Escape flows	1,003	3,250

### **Rainfall and evaporation**

20/04/16 – 26/04/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Tullakool..... N/A ..... N/A

### **Storages**

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....1,667 GL.....43 %  
Hume.....566 GL.....19 %  
Lake Victoria.....217 GL.....32 %  
Menindee Lakes .....50 GL.....3 %  
Active Storage.....2,500 GL.....27 %

### **Rivers**

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 9,330 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 6,500 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .....735 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 337 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 4,164 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 2 gates open