



SAFETY FIRST

Driving along channel banks

Driving along channel banks should be conducted with caution - especially following a rain event. Drivers should be observant and drive to the conditions. If you are unsure of track conditions, do a quick walk along the bank before you commit, as turning your vehicle around may not be possible. Please report any safety hazards to Murray Irrigation on T. 1300 138 265.

Snowy Advance on YouTube

Murray Irrigation has prepared a short video version of the presentation given to customers at last week's information meetings to outline the Snowy Advance product for 2016. The video provides the same information with a voice-over explanation of the product, who can participate and the security and repayment requirements. By presenting the information on YouTube, Murray Irrigation is able to allow all customers access to information regardless of their ability to attend customer briefings. To access the video, go to: <https://youtu.be/3hjpE-p29No>.

A reminder to customers to lodge one application per landholding even where they have merged or 'S' accounts.

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. For full details on the project, visit: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/.

Offtakes to close next week

Murray Irrigation will close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am next Monday 9 May. Off-allocation deliveries will commence on an **opportunistic basis** immediately after these closures. If you have forgotten to place a water order for end of season, please contact a Network Controller (via reception on T. 1300 138 265) by close of business today. This helps Murray Irrigation plan end of season arrangements, including commencement of PIOP construction works.

Channels will be progressively drained where no irrigation intentions have been indicated.

End of season - allocation accounts

Customers are encouraged to consider their water allocation accounts (both volume and usage) prior to the end of the 2015/16 irrigation season. As accounts can only carryover up to 50 percent of their water entitlements, customers need to balance any remaining allocation volume to avoid losing volume exceeding the 50 percent limit.

If you have a merged account, there is no need to transfer remaining allocation between landholdings.

Key dates:

- 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.
- The Murray Water Exchange closes at 5.00pm Friday 3 June.
- Internal annual transfers close at 5.00pm Friday 10 June.

Customers whose water usage will exceed 120 percent of their annual delivery entitlements can either pay the Casual Usage Fee or purchase annual delivery entitlements on the Murray Water Exchange.

Full details will be released via a special *Taking Water* this week.

Third quarter invoices

Third quarter invoices were sent to customers last week with payment due by 5.00pm Friday 27 May. If you did not receive an invoice, or if you are having difficulty paying your account, contact our Finance department on T. 1300 138 265.

Reconfigurations project

Murray Irrigation's reconfigurations project is underway. Reconfiguration is where a customer remains connected to the channel system at an alternate supply point. The project aims to generate water savings for the benefit of both Murray Irrigation and its customers. Customer benefits include operation flexibility and an incentive payment. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(03/05/16)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 12 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 101 GL
On-Farm Usage 325 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 3,227 ML
Price Range \$248 - \$300
Buy Offer..... \$208
Yesterday's Sales..... 3 ML
Price Range \$255

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

26/04/16 – 02/05/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 11; 1,288ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 4; 2,233ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 37; 2,850ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 7; 671ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-8,045ML(week)... 14,692ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm.....9 GL (20% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	786	10,000
Wakool Canal	131	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

26/04/16 – 02/05/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....1,665 GL.....43 %
Hume.....550 GL.....18 %
Lake Victoria.....215 GL.....32 %
Menindee Lakes49 GL.....3 %
Active Storage.....2,479 GL.....27 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 3,178 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 5,405 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge836 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 347 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 2,805 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open