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Algae conditions improving

The Murray Regional Algal Coordinating Committee has lifted the red alert warning for blue-green algae in Hume Dam and downstream in the Murray River to Corowa. The red alert warning remains in place downstream from Corowa to Lock 9 including Lake Mulwala and the Edward and Wakool River system. Relevant water authorities will continue to monitor the algae and the remaining red alert will be lifted as soon as the levels of algae dissipate. For more information, visit:

www.water.nsw.gov.au.

Snowy applications close this Friday

Applications (and applicable option fees) for participation in Murray Irrigation's 2016/17 Snowy Advance project close at **5.00pm this Friday 13 May**. Late applications will not be accepted. Regulatory approval for Murray Irrigation's 2016/17 Snowy Advance project is pending. If Government approval is not received, all application monies will be refunded to applicants in full.

For full details, visit:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/. Alternatively, customers can contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Fees and prices update

Murray Irrigation has updated its 2015/16 *Fees and Prices Schedule* to incorporate the 2016/17 Snowy Advance option and exercise fees. The latest version can be accessed via the 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Customers wanting a hard copy mailed out should contact reception.

Offtakes closed

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am yesterday and commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes. Off-allocation deliveries are on an opportunistic basis. Murray Irrigation will commence draining out non-accredited escapes on Monday 23 May. Any outlets still operating by Monday 6 June will be finished and a final meter reading recorded.

End of season - allocation accounts

The Murray Water Exchange will close at 5.00pm Friday 3 June. 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 forfeiting volume exceeding the 50 percent limit. For full details, see the special *Talking Water* released yesterday.

Network Controller evening shift

Customers are advised that the Murray Irrigation Network Controller evening shift will cease for the 2015/16 season this Friday 13 May. All normal contact arrangements for Murray Irrigation remain unchanged. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation statement next Monday

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due Monday 16 May. It will provide the latest estimates of expected opening (1 July) allocations and the likelihood of water availability improvements into the new water year under different inflow scenarios. Murray Irrigation will pass the announcement on to customers as early as possible.

Outlet upgrades

Murray Irrigation has now surpassed 1,000 customer outlet upgrades through the PIIOP project. This represents 46 percent of targeted upgrades and is a significant milestone in the project. The majority of feedback on the outlets and their commissioning has been positive.

To date there have been 16 outlet upgrades carried out on Board members' outlets with a further six having been decommissioned and others working with us to reconfigure how they access our infrastructure. The project will continue to be rolled out across the remainder of our footprint where outlets meet criteria that uses demonstrated historic water use as a guide for construction priorities.

Lamb autopsy workshop

Southern Growers is holding a lamb autopsy workshop at the South Coree Hall (1488 Mayrung Road, Logie Brae) from 7.30am this Thursday 12 May. For details or to RSVP, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(10/05/16)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 12 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 101 GL
On-Farm Usage 328 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 4,244 ML
Price Range \$230 - \$300
Buy Offer..... \$203
Yesterday's Sales..... 142 ML
Price Range \$220

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

03/05/16 – 09/05/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....9; 581ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....13; 581ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-26ML(week)...14,666ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm.....3 GL (20% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	648	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

03/05/16 – 09/05/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....1,674 GL.....43 %
Hume.....573 GL.....19 %
Lake Victoria.....226 GL.....33 %
Menindee Lakes50 GL.....3 %
Active Storage.....2,523 GL.....27 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 2,816 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 3,965 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 725 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 586 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 3,100 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open