



SAFETY FIRST

Online safety resources

To assist customers with accessing resources relevant to work, health and safety, Murray Irrigation has established a 'Safety' section on its website. To access this information, visit www.murrayirrigation.com.au and click on the 'Customers' tab, then 'Safety'. Here you will find a series of links to external WH&S resources.

The safety section includes links to WH&S legislation, the NSW Code of Practices, incident statistics, information on farm safety management and training resources. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Snowy Advance

Applications for participation in Murray Irrigation's 2016/17 Snowy Advance project closed on Friday 13 May. Murray Irrigation is now in the process of assessing all applications received. Further information will be communicated to customers later this month.

Allocation statement/outlook

DPI Water announced yesterday no increase to general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's general security (Class C) allocation remains at 23 percent.

The statement also described the outlook for the start of the 2016/17 water year and builds on earlier monthly forecasts. The outlook has changed very little as inflows to the end of April have remained extremely dry. To view the full announcement, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website, or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Draining of system

Murray Irrigation has commenced system draining from channels linked to accredited escapes. Off-allocation deliveries are on an opportunistic basis only. Due to recent rain and low demand, Murray Irrigation will soon commence draining out non-accredited escapes to ensure PIOP construction work can commence as early as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact your Channel Attendant directly.

Trade closures

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

- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation – intervalley and intravalley) - 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.
- Murray Water Exchange – closes at 5.00pm Friday 3 June.
- Internal Annual Transfers – close at 5.00pm Friday 10 June.

For further information or assistance, please contact Murray Irrigation's Customer Support Team via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Regulator program

Murray Irrigation's regulator program is well underway with 558 sites upgraded to date. Contractors are commencing the 2016 winter works program. There are approximately 756 sites scheduled to be upgraded between now and October 2017. The works will be spread across the entire Murray Irrigation footprint.

Outlet program

The outlet program is also well underway with approximately 1,100 sites upgraded to date. Contractors are currently focusing on in-channel upgrades such as syphons for the winter works program. There are approximately 400 large/extra-large outlets and approximately 500 low use outlets remaining to be upgraded between now and October 2017, spread across the whole footprint.

Women in agriculture event

Southern Growers is hosting a ladies-only event at the Finley Recreation Centre from 9.15am (for a 9.30am start) on Friday 27 May. This is an opportunity for women to hear from speakers Lucinda Corrigan ('Rennylea') on her experience with succession planning, as well as Natalie Shepard and Sandra Martin (Universally Speaking) on how to communicate effectively with business partners. Southern Growers would like to hear from women in the region about what their information and training needs are. For more information, 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

(17/05/16)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 12 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 101 GL
On-Farm Usage 336 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 4,724 ML
Price Range \$214 - \$300
Buy Offer..... \$203
Yesterday's Sales..... 134 ML
Price Range \$200 - \$203

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

10/05/16 – 16/05/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....10; 965ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....33; 900ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 65ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-441ML(week)... 14,225ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm.....8 GL (20% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	0	10,000
Wakool Canal	0	2,350
Escape flows	716	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

10/05/16 – 16/05/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....1,680 GL..... 44 %
Hume.....587 GL..... 20 %
Lake Victoria.....230 GL..... 34 %
Menindee Lakes 49 GL..... 3 %
Active Storage.....2,546 GL..... 27 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point N/A
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir N/A
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge N/A
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... N/A
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... N/A
Murray to the Sea N/A

(MDBA data unavailable at time of Talking Water distribution)