



## SAFETY FIRST

### Managing risk on-farm

Farming is recognised as one of the most dangerous occupations in Australia. Most farm-related accidents are preventable. Machinery, vehicles and power are all obvious risks, but animals, noise and weather are other risks that should be managed. Suggestions for making your farm safer include regularly walking around the farm to assess potential dangers and devise ways to improve safety.

### Water Exchange to close Friday

The Murray Water Exchange will close at **5.00pm this Friday 3 June**. All transactions need to be completed by this deadline. Unsold allocation and delivery entitlements will be returned to the seller, while funds from unsuccessful buyer bids will be returned to the buyer.

Customers should review water allocation accounts to ensure they do not have greater than 50 percent of water entitlements remaining as volume on their account and that water usage will not exceed 120 percent of annual delivery entitlements. Water can be sold or purchased and annual delivery entitlements traded up until the close of the Water Exchange on Friday 3 June.

Internal annual transfers close at **5.00pm Friday 10 June**, to allow balancing of water allocation accounts for volume and annual delivery entitlements prior to the close of season. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Snowy Advance update

Murray Irrigation is working with the NSW DPI to clarify any outstanding queries with a view to progressing Government approval as soon as possible. We have been working closely with Snowy Hydro and are confident that we have addressed all matters raised by jurisdictions with an interest in the Snowy Scheme.

### Channel draining

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel draining out all escapes in preparation for routine winter maintenance and PIIOP construction works. Any outlets still operating by next Monday 6 June will be finished and final meter readings recorded. For operational information, contact your

Channel Attendant. For all other enquiries, contact a Network Controller, via reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### Surveying map available online

A map outlining the areas to be surveyed as part of Murray Irrigation's winter works program can be found via the 'Current Activities' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). The company will soon be commencing an aerial LIDAR (light detection and ranging) survey utilising a fixed wing plane and professionally operated drones along the major canals. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

### MILCast concrete products

With the 2015/16 irrigation season coming to an end, demand for MILCast concrete products increases with customers upgrading farms in the off season. Customers are encouraged to place their orders with MILCast early. The latest MILCast product catalogue is available via: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/milcast/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/milcast/). For all product enquiries, contact the MILCast team on T. 03 5888 3051, or visit the new MILCast office at the end of Murray Hut Drive, Finley (behind Murray Irrigation's Finley office).

### End of financial year workshop

Rice Extension is hosting an end of year planning workshop at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 9.00am to 11.00am this Wednesday 1 June. The focus will be on an end of financial year checklist, as well as Multi-Peril crop insurance, which is central to the federally-funded 'Managing Farm Risk Program'. The 'RiceScenario' tool which now includes gross margins for winter cropping will also be demonstrated and Rice Extension will assist attendees with using the program one-on-one. To RSVP, or for further information, contact Troy Mauger on M. 0417 375 168.

### Cotton grower forum

Southern Valleys Cotton Growers Association is hosting a free Cotton Grower Forum on Thursday 9 June. It will be held at the Coleambally Community Club from 9.00am. Guests will hear from industry speakers on growing profitable crops using best management practices. There will also be a question and answer panel session. To register, contact Kieran O'Keeffe on M. 0427 207 406.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(31/05/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 13 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 104 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 339 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 4,209 ML  
Price Range ..... \$218 - \$300  
Buy Offer..... \$195  
Yesterday's Sales..... 130 ML  
Price Range ..... \$119 - \$220  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

24/05/16 – 30/05/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 10; 1,408ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 29; 926ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 482ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade... 6,370ML(week)... 20,060ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm..... 584 ML (21% on summer crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

|               | Actual | Capacity |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Mulwala Canal | 0      | 10,000   |
| Wakool Canal  | 0      | 2,350    |
| Escape flows  | 78     | 3,250    |

### Rainfall and evaporation

24/05/16 – 30/05/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Tullakool..... N/A ..... N/A

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth..... 1,712 GL..... 44 %  
Hume..... 729 GL..... 24 %  
Lake Victoria..... 298 GL..... 44 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 49 GL..... 3 %  
Active Storage..... 2,788 GL..... 30 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 2,903 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 5,167 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 674 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,378 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A  
Flow to SA..... 3,034 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 0 gates open