



SAFETY FIRST

Driving in wet conditions

The NSW Roads and Maritime Services reminds road users that driving in wet conditions should always be conducted with caution. Drivers should be observant and drive to the conditions. Remember when driving on unsealed roads, your vehicle will need a lot longer to stop, is less responsive and you can much more easily lose control on bends. The answer here is to slow down and allow a greater margin for error (for example, a longer stopping distance). Always turn on your lights when conditions affect your capacity to see the road and surrounds.

Snowy Advance project

Murray Irrigation has received final feedback from the Department of Primary Industries regarding the Snowy Advance deed. We are hopeful of receiving formal notification regarding regulatory approval in the very near future. If approval is received, we will be notifying customers as soon as possible, together with an outline of the process for exercise.

New Murray Irrigation Director

Murray Irrigation announced on Friday the appointment of Ben Barlow as its new independent Director. Mr Barlow has also been appointed to the company's Audit and Risk Management Committee. The search for a second independent Director is continuing. For full details, see the media release distributed on Friday 17 June.

Surveying progress report

Surveying work for investigation and hydraulic modelling of Murray Irrigation's main canals has been awarded to a consortium led by Ertech. The work comprises of:

- Survey of main canals – 429km
- Survey and condition assessments of major structures – 288 in total
- Hydraulic modelling of main canals – 429km

The survey work commenced earlier this month with establishing of ground control points for aerial LiDAR survey and is progressing as per schedule.

Choke trade restrictions to continue

Trading water from above the Barmah Choke to below the choke will continue to be restricted into the 2016/17 water year. This means people upstream of the choke can sell water to buyers downstream of the choke, but only if the same or greater net volume of water has been traded from downstream to upstream of the choke first.

The balance of water that can be traded through the choke will be reset on 1 July 2016. An annual adjustment will also be made to take account of water savings transferred to the Snowy scheme, resulting in an opening balance close to 26,000ML. This will be the initial volume available to be traded from above to below the Barmah Choke.

The current trade balance for the choke can be found at:

www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/water-markets-trade/interstate-water-trade/barmah-choke-trade-balance.

New MILCast bay outlet

Following customer feedback, MILCast has designed a new larger bay outlet that allows for up to 15ML of water. The product (ABO60120R) has an opening of 600mm deep by 1,200mm wide, with rubber flap and winch control. For more information, contact MILCast on T. 03 5888 3051, or visit:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/milcast/.

Broken Hill pipeline approval

The NSW Government announced last week approval of a project to provide a safe and secure water supply to Broken Hill, through the construction of a new pipeline from the Murray River. The 270km pipeline was part of a \$500 million investment in the 2016/17 budget. Pipeline construction is expected to begin early next year and be completed by late 2018. The approval of this project now paves the way for negotiations to commence for Menindee Lakes to be considered as an SDL offset project.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(21/06/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 13 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance 109 GL
On-Farm Usage 339 GL

WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Trading will recommence on Friday 1 July.

Water use and trade data

14/06/16 – 20/06/16

Murray Water Exchange activity
Water Exchange has now closed.

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade.....0ML(week)...20,202ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm.....0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

14/06/16 – 20/06/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... N/A N/A

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....1,760 GL.....46 %
Hume.....977 GL.....33 %
Lake Victoria.....396 GL.....59 %
Menindee Lakes48 GL.....3 %
Active Storage.....3,181 GL.....34 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 3,814 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,569 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge947 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,717 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 2,791 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open