

TalkingWater

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Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Blue-green algae update

The Murray Regional Algal Coordinating Committee has lifted the red alert warnings for blue-green algae in both the Murray and Edward rivers. A red alert warning for blue-green algae remains in the Wakool River upstream of the Wakool-Barham Road Bridge.

Information updates about blue-green algae blooms and red level warning areas can be obtained via: www.water.nsw.gov.au.

2016/17 opening allocation

DPI Water will announce its NSW Murray opening allocations for 2016/17 this Friday 1 July. Murray Irrigation will pass the announcement on to customers as early as possible.

Snowy Advance approval

Murray Irrigation announced on Thursday 23 June that regulatory approval for the 2016/17 Snowy Advance project has been received. We are confident customers will receive the full allocation they have applied for, and are eligible for, through the advance application process. Murray Irrigation will soon provide customers with details on how they can exercise their option volume. For further details, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

2016/17 Fees and Prices mail out

Murray Irrigation has prepared an updated schedule of fees and charges for our water distribution business to take effect from 15 July 2016. The new Fees and Prices Schedule and Information Statement will be mailed to all customers this week. These documents will also be loaded onto our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Fees and prices'. We plan to hold a series of customer briefings in mid-July to discuss the price and fee changes and draw attention to a number of other company initiatives taking place.

Water Exchange 2016/17 opening

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange will reopen on Friday 1 July. External and Internal transfers will also reopen on this day. Current Exchange application forms are available on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on

'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'Water Exchange Forms' or 'Annual transfers' (depending on the application required). If customers have any questions regarding the Exchange or water trading, please contact our Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265 or email wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Water allocation accounts

Customers are advised that water allocation accounts have been rolled over in preparation for the 2016/17 season. Your balances can be viewed by logging into your water ordering account online. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265 or email customersupport@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Drainage due to rainfall

Customers are reminded that they need to contact Murray Irrigation prior to discharging water into either the drainage system or back into the supply system. Murray Irrigation needs this information for operational reasons and to ensure licence compliance. Drainage forms are available on our website, via 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms'. Murray Irrigation appreciates the cooperation of customers in this matter following the recent rainfall. This assistance will ensure the smooth operation of the drainage system and enable an assessment on any potential impact on scheduled works in the supply system. For more information, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Denimein cropping discussion

Denimein Landholders Association is holding a cropping discussion at the Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve from 12.30pm this Friday 1 July. Lunch will be provided. Guests are asked to bring an iPad or tablet device. For more information, contact Josh Small on M. 0427 889 367.

Drone field day

Southern Growers, together with Riverine Plains, are holding a drone field day at the Berrigan Football Oval from 9.00am on Thursday 14 July. The day will show guests how to use a drone as a tool in their agricultural enterprises. This will include crop monitoring, NDVI mapping, water monitoring, GPS preset flight routes, laws for drone use and drone types. A free lunch is being provided. Please RSVP to Stephanie Chappell via M. 0417 444 750 or E. southerngrowersinc@gmail.com.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(28/06/16)

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

21/06/16 – 27/06/16

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

21/06/16 – 27/06/16 Rain Evap
Finley 10.7mm 8.8mm
Tullakool..... 8.0mm 8.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....1,795 GL..... 47 %
Hume.....1,127 GL..... 38 %
Lake Victoria.....425 GL..... 63 %
Menindee Lakes 48 GL..... 3 %
Active Storage.....3,395 GL..... 37 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,870 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 17,652 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,507 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 5,071 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 2,789 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open