



SAFETY FIRST

National farm safety week

National Farm Safety Week (18-22 July) aims to raise awareness of farm safety issues in rural communities across Australia. This year's theme for Farm Safety Week is "Safe Farms = Profit", and seeks to focus on the practical issues that farmers can take to improve safety for themselves, their workers, family members and farm visitors. For full details, visit: www.farmsafe.org.au.

Four percent opening allocation

DPI Water announced on Friday a general security allocation of **four percent** of entitlement. As a result, Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is **four percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement customers. The DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

Customer meetings this week

Murray Irrigation is holding a series of 'company update' customer briefings this week. The evening meetings will discuss the Snowy Advance project, PIIOP Round 3, fees and prices and the launch of our new Customer Operations team. The first of three meetings was held in Deniliquin last night. Details of the remaining meetings are as follows:

- Wakool – Tonight, Tuesday 19 July (Services Club, Flinders St), from 6.30pm;
- Finley - Wednesday 20 July (RS Club, Tocumwal St), from 6.30pm.

For details, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Snowy Advance exercise deadline

Murray Irrigation customers participating in the 2016/17 Snowy Advance project have until 5.00pm Monday 1 August to exercise their granted option volume. If you have not received your Snowy Advance 'options notice', please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Information on how customers can exercise their granted option volume, as well as an updated Frequently Asked Questions document, are available on our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/.

Alternatively, customers can contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 or visit one of our customer centres in Deniliquin, Finley or Wakool.

Update to Annexure B

Murray Irrigation has updated Annexure B to the Fees and Prices Policy. The change now reflects the combined total of NSW Government fees associated with an external permanent transfer. These fees increased as at 1 July 2016. To access the latest document, visit: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/fees-and-prices/.

Annual watering priorities

The MDBA has released its 2016/17 annual environmental watering priorities to provide a guide to environmental water managers. Supporting native animals such as the silver perch, waterbird habitat and wetland vegetation are a key focus for watering activities this season. More information can be found at www.mdba.gov.au.

Denimein Fire Brigade AGM

Denimein Fire Brigade is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Pretty Pine Hall from 6.30pm tomorrow, Wednesday 20 July. For more information, contact Darren Manzin on T. 03 5882 3528.

Water outlook and trade update

Rice Extension is co-hosting the 2016/17 water outlook and trade updates this Friday. Topics will include the irrigation outlook and how it is produced, environmental water planning and trading, as well as policy and legislation. Details are as follows:

- Friday 22 July, 8.30am to 12.00pm, Conargo Hall. RSVPs to Kate Stephan M.0437 452 256.
- Friday 22 July 12.30pm (for lunch) to 4.30pm, Barham Services Club. RSVP to Neil Bull M. 0428 603 557.

Family farm business management

RGA is hosting an event for all farm business partners to learn about participating in farm business management. Speakers will be providing an overview of business management, risk management and decision making systems. The event will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 9.30am on Tuesday 26 July. RSVP to Erika Heffer on M. 0438 719 628.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 4 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(19/07/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 135 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 791 ML
Price Range \$200 - \$250
Buy Offer \$0
Yesterday's Sales..... 15 ML
Price \$150

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

12/07/16 – 18/07/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....0; OML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 15ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....1; 15ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; OML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-1,828ML(week)...-5,573ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....OML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

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

Rainfall and evaporation

12/07/16 – 18/07/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... 0.6mm 9.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....1,910 GL.....50 %
Hume.....1,546 GL.....51 %
Lake Victoria.....569 GL.....84 %
Menindee Lakes81 GL.....5 %
Active Storage.....4,106 GL.....44 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,016 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 19,101 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...3,607 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 7,293 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 0 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,849 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 16 gates open