

Talking Water

Tuesday 26 July 2016



Murray Irrigation

SAFETY FIRST

Quad bike rebate

Rural workplaces can now apply for a NSW Government rebate of up to \$500 to implement safety measures aimed at reducing quad bike tragedies and injuries. The rebate can be used for the purchase of compliant helmets, Operator Protector Devices including rollover bars, the purchase of a safer vehicle (e.g. side-by-side), and training courses. For further information, visit: www.safework.nsw.gov.au.

Snowy Advance deadline Monday

A reminder that customers participating in the 2016/17 Snowy Advance project have until **5.00pm Monday 1 August** to exercise their granted option volume. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265, or visit one of our customer centres in Deniliquin, Wakool or Finley. Full details on the Snowy Advance is available via: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/.

Channel filling operations

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel filling at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes. The company is taking advantage of the supplementary water event announced by WaterNSW last week. The Mulwala and Wakool systems will be filled, while allowing for the Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Winter Works to be completed. Customers who wish to take advantage of supplementary water should speak to their Channel Attendant or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. Murray Irrigation will keep customers updated via *Talking Water* as required.

Indicate your watering intentions

Murray Irrigation will soon announce a starting date for water deliveries to all customers; however, customers are requested to provide advance notice of delivery requirements by contacting their Channel Attendant directly. Alternatively, contact our Customer Support team via T. 1300 138 265, or visit one of our customer centres in Deniliquin, Wakool or Finley.

Allocation update due Monday

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due Monday 1 August.

Murray Irrigation will pass this information on to customers as soon as possible Monday morning.

Increased Murray River flows

The Office of Environment and Heritage has advised that Murray River Flows below Yarrowonga Weir are expected to increase to 50,000ML/day this week due to unregulated tributary flows from the Kiewa and Ovens Rivers. This is a natural event not associated with environmental watering. Customers with river access are advised to take appropriate action to prepare for the increased flows.

Current inflow conditions

Inflow conditions have significantly improved for the start of the season, currently tracking just above average with storages at 46 percent. A comparison of current catchment conditions to last year (and long term averages) was presented at Murray Irrigation's recent customer meetings and can be viewed online at: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/customer-information/. Alternatively, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

New Ministry announced

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has announced his new Ministry with Barnaby Joyce retaining Agriculture and Water Resources and local member (for Farrer) Sussan Ley Minister for Health & Aged Care, as well as Sport. Riverina MP Michael McCormack is Minister for Small Business, while Senator Fiona Nash has Regional Development, Regional Communications, and Local Government and Territories. Greg Hunt now has Industry, Innovation and Science, while Josh Frydenberg takes on Environment and Energy.

Bill Shorten's Shadow Ministry includes Tony Burke (Environment and Water), Mark Butler (Climate Change and Energy), Anthony Albanese (Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development) and Joel Fitzgibbon (Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and Rural and Regional Australia).

Berriquin Irrigators' AGM

Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Finley RS Club from 7.00pm this Thursday 28 July. All welcome. For further information, contact Robert Massina on M. 0448 999 288.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(26/07/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 17 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 134 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 843 ML
Price Range \$179 - \$250
Buy Offer \$150
Yesterday's Sales..... 0 ML
Price N/A

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

19/07/16 – 25/07/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....3; 240ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 200ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....6; 440ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-1,868ML(week)...-7,441ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....0ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,000	10,000
Wakool Canal	100	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

19/07/16 – 25/07/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... 8.2mm 12.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,004 GL.....52 %
Hume.....1,783 GL.....59 %
Lake Victoria.....604 GL.....89 %
Menindee Lakes125 GL.....7 %
Active Storage.....4,516 GL.....49 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 10,368 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 23,533 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...5,726 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 7,463 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 0 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 15,769 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 2 gates open