



## SAFETY FIRST

### Farming safety videos

To assist people working on farms, Safe Work Australia has partnered with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) to produce two short farm safety videos on machinery guarding and stockyard handling. The videos outline four simple steps to manage risks when working with machinery and around the stockyard. To view the videos, visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for 'National Farmers Federation'.

### Allocation update and outlook

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due Monday 15 August. It will also include additional detailed information for the NSW Murray including comparison of values with last year, probability table (outlooks of likely improvement in water availability under different inflow scenarios) and rocket diagram. Murray Irrigation will pass this information on to customers as soon as possible Monday morning. Customers are reminded that they must subscribe to receive allocation announcements. To do so, login into your *Water ordering* account, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Off allocation water

WaterNSW has announced an extension to supplementary water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes until at least this Thursday 11 August. Murray Irrigation is taking advantage of the supplementary water event to fill our Mulwala and Wakool systems.

The company has already used 33GL of its supplementary licence to fill the system. We have 87GL remaining on our licence. The main supply channels are 80 percent full, aside from the Deniboota Channel where Winter Works are ongoing. Filling is well underway on all lateral channels, except the Coree Main (and several spur channels) due to ongoing works. For a filling update on your channel, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Water delivery requirements

Customers are reminded to provide advance notice of delivery requirements by contacting their Channel Attendant directly. Alternatively, contact our Customer Support team via T. 1300 138 265.

### Snowy Advance project

Murray Irrigation customers and corporate partners have exercised almost 30 percent of the available Snowy Advance volume, providing early season certainty for those participating. Snowy Advance applicants had until 5.00pm Monday 1 August to exercise their granted option volume. Feedback about the project itself has been overwhelmingly positive. The company will certainly be exploring options to run similar projects in future years.

### Domestic deemed usage credit

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2016/17 season. Application forms are available from the 'Customers' then 'forms' and 'general forms' section of the Murray Irrigation website, or by contacting Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. Application forms must be received by Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm Friday 9 September.

### Murray system inflows summary

Above average rainfall in May and June has made catchments very responsive with the MDBA reporting significant Murray system inflows (excluding Snowy, Darling, intervalley trade and environmental inflows) of around 1,950GL – 620GL into the Hume. This is the highest July inflow across all storages since 1996. By comparison, the long term average inflow for July is approximately 1,230GL. Since May, Hume Dam capacity has increased from 18 percent to 77 percent, while Dartmouth had 260GL inflows in July and is now at 55 percent capacity.

### Carryover secure

The MDBA has reported that if the current rate of inflows continue, Hume Dam could spill as early as next month (September). In the event of a dam spill, volume carried over against a NSW Murray General Security account from 2015/16 is secure. More information about carryover and the allocation rules in accordance with the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Murray and Lower Darling can be accessed on the Murray Irrigation website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). Click on 'Customers' then 'Customer information' and 'Water resource information'.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 12 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(09/08/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 24 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance ..... 192 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 1,709 ML  
Price Range ..... \$130 - \$250  
Buy Offer ..... \$102  
Yesterday's Sales..... 305 ML  
Price ..... \$101

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

02/08/16 – 08/08/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....6; 1,027ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 600ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....15; 1,627ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-9,189ML(week)...-18,368ML(YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....0ML

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,159	10,000
Wakool Canal	487	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

02/08/16 – 08/08/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 11.7mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,124 GL.....55 %  
Hume.....2,322 GL.....77 %  
Lake Victoria.....582 GL.....86 %  
Menindee Lakes .....155 GL.....9 %  
Active Storage.....5,028 GL.....54 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 5,781 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 31,403 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..15,280 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 8,384 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 0 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 26,959 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 176 gates open