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Allocation increases to 25 percent

DPI Water announced yesterday a **13 percent** increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation is now **25 percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. To access a copy of the DPI Water announcement, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation outlook and storages

DPI Water's announcement also included additional detailed information for the NSW Murray, including comparison of values with last year and chances of improvement in water availability under different inflow scenarios. According to the report, NSW Murray general security allocation could reach 97 percent by December, if current wet conditions continue.

It should be noted that the Hume and Dartmouth storages are operated to equalise the risk of spill and thereby maximise resource availability. However, they can become out of balance by a disproportionately high unforeseeable natural inflow into one dam, as currently is the case with Hume. If Hume spills, it means that allocation increases will then mostly come from future improvement in Dartmouth storage (currently 56 percent full) or Menindee Lakes (effectively empty).

For full details, see yesterday's DPI Water Allocation Statement which can be accessed via the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website.

Snowy Advance water

The allocation accounts of participating Snowy Advance customers are expected to be credited this Friday 19 August. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Off allocation water

WaterNSW announced last week an extension to supplementary water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes until this Wednesday 17 August. Murray Irrigation is taking advantage of the supplementary water event to fill our Mulwala and Wakool systems. For a filling update on your channel, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP Winter Works update

PIIOP Round 2 Winter Works are coming to a conclusion over the next few weeks. Despite the rain and early onset of channel filling, this winter is likely to see the largest number of regulators upgraded since the commencement of the PIIOP program. The next round of outlet installations will commence upon completion of the Winter Works program.

Domestic deemed usage credit

A reminder that 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.

An evening with Jane Bunn

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is hosting meteorologist Jane Bunn on Thursday 25 August to discuss the coming season. The night will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 6.30pm. Presentations from The Murray Group, including The Murray Messages, and NAPREC will also be held. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Elders Deniliquin, or by visiting: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-evening-with-jane-bunn-tickets-26942086506. For more information, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

West Berriquin AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.15pm on Monday 5 September. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 6.30pm. To propose agenda items or motions, please email westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com, or contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 25 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(16/08/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 59 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 478 GL
On-Farm Usage 7 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 1,729 ML
Price Range \$108 - \$250
Buy Offer \$100
Yesterday's Sales..... 2,172 ML
Price \$91 - \$108

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

09/08/16 – 15/08/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 13; 3,000ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 15; 3,000ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-64ML(week)...-18,432ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....5GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	906	10,000
Wakool Canal	704	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

09/08/16 – 15/08/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... 1.4mm 11.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,147 GL.....56 %
Hume.....2,458 GL.....82 %
Lake Victoria.....560 GL.....83 %
Menindee Lakes157 GL.....9 %
Active Storage.....5,165 GL.....56 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,337 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 15,278 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...6,847 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 8,426 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1,103 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 28,514 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 80 gates open