

# TalkingWater

Tuesday 20 September 2016



Murray Irrigation

## SAFETY FIRST

### Minor flood warning

The State Emergency Service (SES) last week issued a minor flood warning for the Murray and Edward rivers. The recent rainfall and flood waters from the Murray River have caused significant river level rises in the Edward River where minor flooding is expected at Deniliquin, and moderate flooding is expected at Stevens Weir. For SES FloodSafe advice, visit [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au) or call T. 132 500. For life threatening emergencies, call 000 immediately.

### Allocation increases to 42 percent

DPI Water announced on Thursday a **12 percent** increase in general security entitlements allocation. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation is now **42 percent** for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. With Hume Dam at 97 percent capacity, it is effectively full and air-space operations are continuing to safely pass inflows. NSW Murray general security allocations are not at 100 percent because no Menindee resources are available to the Murray, and Dartmouth Dam is only 63 percent full.

To access a copy of the DPI Water announcement, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. The next resource assessment and allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Tuesday 4 October 2016.

### Barmah-Millewa Allowance

In accordance with the Water Sharing Plan, the full Barmah-Millewa Allowance (B-MA) borrow has been repaid as part of Thursday's assessment. DPI Water has reported that the pay-back was made simpler because the B-MA was reduced to 200GL by spill provisions that were triggered when Hume Dam spilled.

### Off allocation water access extended

WaterNSW announced last week an extension to supplementary water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes until this Thursday 22 September. Customers who wish to access supplementary water should contact our Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265.

### Drainage following rainfall

Customers will have noticed flows in the Murray Irrigation drainage system in recent weeks. This is due to recent rainfall. Customers are reminded that approval is required from Murray Irrigation prior to releasing water into the drainage system. Murray Irrigation requires this information to manage the drainage system. To access the form *Application to discharge into drainage system*, visit Murray Irrigation's website and click on 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General Forms' or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### RGA water toolkit

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) has prepared a 'water toolkit' to provide rice growers with information necessary to improve their knowledge of and access to water. The RGA recognises that with endless water reform, expanding water market options and growing competition for access, finding the correct water information is both challenging and time consuming. The water toolkit has been produced to assist growers navigate these challenges and allow them to make the best decisions for their business. The water toolkit can be found here: [www.rga.org.au/members-portal/rga-water-toolkit.aspx](http://www.rga.org.au/members-portal/rga-water-toolkit.aspx). If you would like a hard copy, contact the RGA at E. [rga@rga.org.au](mailto:rga@rga.org.au) or T. 02 6953 0433.

### 'Speak Up' photo competition

Organisers of the 'Speak Up' campaign are holding a photo competition for all agricultural related photos, including: crops, animals, people on farms, wildlife on farms or any other environmentally friendly habitats on farm. For full details, visit: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0LOkFj0zKodcXINU292RWFFYXM>.

### Southern Growers spray drift event

Southern Growers is hosting a 'spray drift' workshop at the Finley Recreation Reserve and Finley trial site on Tuesday 27 September. For details, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

### Wakool Landholders AGM

Wakool Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Services Club from 7.00pm on Wednesday 28 September. For more information, contact Dave May on M. 0427 539 248 or Kate Redfearn on M. 0417 112 162.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 42 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(20/09/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 59 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 443 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 21 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 7,375 ML  
Price Range ..... \$93 - \$250  
Buy Offer ..... \$75  
Yesterday's Sales..... 226 ML  
Price ..... \$85 - \$90

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

13/09/16 – 19/09/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....17; 4,174ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....26; 3,909ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 265ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade...-215ML(week)...-17,735ML(YTD)  
**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm.....452ML

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	24	10,000
Wakool Canal	20	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

13/09/16 – 19/09/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 22.6mm ..... 17.9mm  
Tullakool..... 28.6mm ..... 15.3mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,432 GL.....63 %  
Hume.....2,913 GL.....97 %  
Lake Victoria.....536 GL.....79 %  
Menindee Lakes .....283 GL.....16 %  
Active Storage.....5,881 GL.....63 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 51,588 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 84,633 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .20,785 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 9,039 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1,322 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 36,566 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 141 gates open

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