



## SAFETY FIRST

### Harvest safety

Essential Energy has published a number of resources on its website to help farmers remain safe on the land this harvest. This includes a harvest safety fact sheet and a five-minute Powerline Hazard Assessment which can help you identify and assess potential hazards on your property. For full details, visit [www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/agribusiness](http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/agribusiness), or contact Essential Energy on T. 13 23 91.

### Murray Irrigation AGM

Murray Irrigation's 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last Thursday 17 November. Both the CEO's presentation and the Chairman's Address to the AGM, as well as the company's 2016 Annual Report are available here: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/annual-reports/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/annual-reports/). For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Future focus video

Murray Irrigation has launched a new video, featuring local farmers and properties across the footprint. The video was filmed earlier this month and highlights the current transformation that Murray Irrigation is undergoing and the future focus of the Company. You can view the video here: <https://youtu.be/7xM52ENt18g>

### Regional allocation summary

The following outlines announced allocation for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	100 percent
Victorian Murray (low reliability)	Zero percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	100 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	100 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	100 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	100 percent

### Carryover fact sheet

Murray Irrigation has a fact sheet on carryover. The fact sheet, *Carryover – The Basics*, explains the current rules relating to carryover. To view the fact sheet, visit: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/customer-information/fact-sheets/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/customer-information/fact-sheets/). Alternatively, customers can contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Ministerial Council

The Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council met in Adelaide on Friday to discuss progress towards major milestones in the implementation of the Basin Plan. NSW Minister Niall Blair confirmed his commitment to a triple bottom line approach in the face of criticism from South Australian Minister Ian Hunter. Mr Blair said local communities should be front and centre. For full details, visit: [www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/ministerial-media-releases/ministerial-releases](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/about-us/ministerial-media-releases/ministerial-releases)

### National Irrigators' Council AGM

Murray Irrigation Director Tim McKindlay was re-elected Deputy Chair of the National Irrigators' Council (NIC) at its annual general meeting in Canberra last week. NIC also held a workshop to identify key policy issues that will form the basis of NIC's future work plan.

### Ricegrowers' 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, and 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.

### Rice scholarship closes Friday

Applications for the 2017 Jan Cathcart Scholarship Award close **this Friday 25 November**. The scholarship is open to women in the rice industry who are undertaking, or planning to undertake, tertiary studies. It is valued at \$10,000 a year for up to three years of university study. For more information on the scholarship, contact the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia on T. 02 6953 0411, or visit: <https://careers.sunrice.com.au/scholarships>.

Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 100 %  
Water Efficiency Allocation ..... 0 %  
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(22/11/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....96 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 761 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 166 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 8,427 ML  
Price Range ..... \$88 - \$250  
Buy Offer ..... \$81  
Yesterday's Sales.....220 ML  
Price ..... \$81 - \$88

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

15/11/16 – 21/11/16  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....15; 1,977ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....18; 1,961ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 16ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade.....-118ML(week)....-1,715ML(YTD)

**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm.....35GL (40% on rice)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,226	10,000
Wakool Canal	930	2,350
Escape flows	2,771	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

15/11/16 – 21/11/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 1.3mm ..... 49.0mm  
Tullakool..... 1.2mm ..... 59.6mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,944 GL.....76 %  
Hume.....2,966 GL.....99 %  
Lake Victoria.....632 GL.....93 %  
Menindee Lakes .....1,179 GL.....68 %  
Active Storage.....7,721 GL.....83 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 18,673 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 14,369 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .. 1,499 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 22,146 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 765 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 83,995 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 254 gates open

*This information is provided for general reference purposes only. Murray Irrigation takes best endeavours to ensure accuracy. It is collated at 8.00am Tuesdays and is subject to change.*