



## SAFETY FIRST

### Flood recovery information night – Pretty Pine

Edward River Council is hosting a flood recovery community information evening from 7.00pm this Wednesday 7 December at the Pretty Pine Hall. For full details, contact Edward River Council on T. 03 5898 3000 or email questions to E. [helen.fisher@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:helen.fisher@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au).

### PIIOP Round 3 funding deed signed

Murray Irrigation's PIIOP Round 3 funding deed was officially signed by Chairman Mark Robertson on Friday 2 December 2016. The original investment figure of \$159 million was revised to \$120.7 million after an adjustment to the project scope. After careful assessment and review of initial designs, the Channel Lining project was removed from the PIIOP Round 3 project. The initial designs revealed little efficiency savings, and was therefore no longer considered a viable project.

### September invoices

September 2016 quarter invoices were due last Wednesday 30 November. In order to receive the early payment discount, all accounts had to be paid on or before this date. Statements will be sent out early next week to advise customers if there remains any balance on their account. If you have any queries regarding the statement, please contact Accounts Receivable. Please note that accounts with a zero balance will not receive a statement. For customers who have missed payment of their September invoice, please ensure the balance is settled prior to the end of December to avoid interest charges. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Rice water use

Rice growers are reminded to report loss of water from rice crops due to management issues. This information will be included in the rice crop water use calculations at the conclusion of the season. A form (*Form RICE – Notification of Loss of Water from a Rice Crop*) is available via the 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms' section of our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au). For further information, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Murray Irrigation Customer Support

During November, Murray Irrigation's Customer Support team assisted, on average, 94 customers per day. This has risen steadily from 66 in September. The Customer Support team provides assistance to customers with general enquiries and their customary business transactions and needs. Team members are available in all three Customer Centres in Deniliquin, Finley and Wakool. Through November, 116 customers attended the Deniliquin Customer Centre, with 83 visiting Finley and 10 in Wakool. For more information on how Customer Support can assist you, contact the team on T. 1300 138 265.

### BoM climate outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has released its monthly and seasonal climate outlooks for November 2016 to January 2017. The outlook indicates drier-than-average conditions for most of the country in December. Summer rainfall is likely to be below average across parts of eastern Australia. To view the outlook, go to: [www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary).

### Edward River Council funding

Edward River Council is seeking expressions of interest from local and regional businesses who have a 'shovel ready' project that will create significant job opportunities within the Edward River Council local government area. Eligible projects will receive funding from a \$3 million allocation to Edward River Council, under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Regional Economic Diversification Program. Types of projects include: business expansion, business establishment and infrastructure projects. Interested businesses should send an expression of interest, including a brief outline of the project, to E. [belinda.perrett@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:belinda.perrett@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au) or contact Edward River Council on T. 03 5898 3000.

### West Berriquin survey

A reminder that West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is asking its landholders to complete a short survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJD3732](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJD3732). For more information, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785, or E. [westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com](mailto:westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com).

Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(06/12/16)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 87 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 686 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 231 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 11,811 ML  
Price Range ..... \$80 - 250  
Buy Offer ..... \$75  
Yesterday's Sales..... 130 ML  
Price ..... \$78 - \$80

To buy water call 1300 781 431

### Water use and trade data

29/11/16 – 05/12/16

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....6; 644ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 200ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....8; 844ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

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

Net trade.....138ML(week).....-1,548ML(YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....37GL (44% on rice)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,274	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,198	2,350
Escape flows	1,000	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

29/11/16 – 05/12/16 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 50.0mm  
Tullakool..... 1.2mm ..... 52.7mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,972 GL.....77 %  
Hume.....2,889 GL.....96 %  
Lake Victoria.....656 GL.....97 %  
Menindee Lakes .....1,473 GL.....85 %  
Active Storage.....7,990 GL.....86 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 16,452 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 15,702 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .. 1,145 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 14,498 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 759 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 91,950 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 92 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.*