



SAFETY FIRST

Drive safely along channels

Customers are reminded that driving along channel banks should be conducted with caution. Drivers should be observant and drive to conditions. If you are unsure of track conditions please do a quick walk along the bank before you commit, as turning your vehicle around may not be possible. Please report any safety hazards to Customer Support via T. 1300 138 265.

Open feedback forums

Murray Irrigation is hosting a series of open feedback forums over the next two weeks. Customers will be asked to provide honest feedback on a range of Company issues. The feedback collated from these groups will be used to assist Murray Irrigation's future decision making process.

Customers are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday 14 March: Mayrung;
- Wednesday 15 March: Bunnaloo, Moulamein;
- Thursday 16 March: Wakool, Finley;
- Friday 17 March: Berrigan, Pretty Pine.

Venues and times will be announced via a special *Talking Water* in coming days.

For further details on the open sessions, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Limited AgQ tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the inaugural agricultural-themed trivia night, AgQ. Tickets are limited and include dinner and drinks on arrival. Cost is \$20 for an individual ticket, or \$180 for a table of 10. To purchase, visit:
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/agq-trivia-night-tickets-32176326258.

The event will be held at The Crossing Café in Deniliquin on Friday 17 March. It is being organised by a number of community organisations – including Murray Irrigation – and will focus on engaging the next generation of farmers and industry professionals. Well-known comedian Elliott Goblet will host the night. For more information, or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Invoices due this Friday

December 2016 quarter invoices are due by 5.00pm this Friday 10 March. Customers are eligible for an on-time payment discount where payment is received on time and all arrears are settled. This discount due date cannot be extended. If you require assistance, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Four days' notice for water orders

Due to the hot weather and increased demand, customers are reminded to place water orders well in advance. A minimum of four days' notice is required to guarantee delivery. Please also be aware of your outlet(s) finish time(s). Customers can set up order end date notifications via SMS for both four days and one day. For assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP Round 2 consultation

Round 2 of Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) is scheduled for completion in October 2017. We intend to conclude consultation for higher use outlets by the end of March. For further details, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Justice of the Peace availability

Customers requiring the services of a Justice of the Peace (JP) are welcome to book an appointment with Murray Irrigation. Several JPs are available at our Deniliquin Customer Centre. To book an appointment, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

February 2017 summary

February 2017 delivered below average rainfall and another month of well above average temperatures across the Murray-Darling Basin. Overall, the Bureau of Meteorology reports that area-averaged rainfall in February was 16.9mm, well below the mean for this time of year (equal 15th lowest out of 118 records).

River Murray System inflows during February (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental flows) totalled around 130GL, which is below the month's long-term average of about 190GL. For full details, see the MDBA's 1 March weekly report, via:
www.mdba.gov.au/river-information/weekly-reports.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(07/03/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 54 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 423 GL
On-Farm Usage 618 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 13,266 ML
Price Range \$45 - \$250
Buy Offer \$40
Yesterday's Sales..... 839 ML
Price Range \$45

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

28/02/17 – 06/03/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)... 49; 9,876ML
External buyers (No. & ML).... 1; 500ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).... 30; 9,388ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 988ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade... -2,805ML(week)... -4,851ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 28GL (56% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,292	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,148	2,350
Escape flows	550	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

28/02/17 – 06/03/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 39.2mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 58.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth..... 2,999 GL..... 78 %
Hume..... 2,220 GL..... 74 %
Lake Victoria..... 444 GL..... 66 %
Menindee Lakes 1,039 GL..... 60 %
Total Storage..... 6,702 GL..... 72 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 16,018 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,936 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 4,223 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 835 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 2,874 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 7,875 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 20 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.