



SAFETY FIRST

Working around powerlines

When working around powerlines and other network infrastructure, Essential Energy remind everyone to keep some key safety messages in mind. When working on the LAND, especially during the upcoming harvest, remember the following:

- Look up and live
- Always be aware
- Need to know
- Don't disembark

For full details, visit:

<http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/agribusiness>

Customer feedback forms due

Murray Irrigation will complete the remaining customer feedback forums this week. Customers who participated in the forums are reminded that all feedback forms are due by 5.00pm Friday 24 March. Forms should be emailed or faxed directly to your group facilitator. The results from this round of consultation will be made available through customer meetings held later this year. For further details please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Irrigation emergency line

Customers are reminded that Murray Irrigation has a 24/7 emergency line that should be utilised for all emergency situations. The emergency line can be accessed at any time by calling T. 1300 657 313. This line is reserved for emergencies only, and all other enquiries should be directed to Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Carpe Diem performance

As part of an arts and health initiative for healthier communities, the Carpe Diem performance is coming to Deniliquin. Carpe Diem, featuring John Wood and Chris Pidd, is a contemporary portrayal of every day Australian males dealing with issues of health, grief, loss and depression. The performance will be held at the Deniliquin Golf Club from 6.30pm Thursday 30 March. It is a free event, proudly supported by Murray Irrigation and other community organisations, and includes a BBQ dinner. For further information, please call Lourene Liebenberg on M. 0428 281 060.

PIIOP Winter Works program

Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Round 2 project is due for completion by October this year. Customer consultation for high water use outlets is almost complete, and the construction team is ramping up for a large Winter Works program. A large aspect of this program involves upgrading regulators and outlets to improve water efficiency on and off-farm through new delivery technology. For further details please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Customer account statements

Murray Irrigation customers are advised that if you are registered for email delivery you should have received your statement of account yesterday. Customers registered for postal delivery will receive accounts in the coming days. Accounts with a zero balance will not receive a statement. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Easter office closures

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed over the Easter long weekend from 5.00pm Thursday 13 April and will reopen 8.30am on Tuesday 18 April. MILCast will also be closed during this time. Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange telephone service will remain open and water deliveries will not be affected. For more information please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Native vegetation workshops

YACTAC and Murray Local Land Services are coordinating native vegetation identification workshops in the Wanganella, Jerilderie and Morundah creek systems. Expert in this field, Martin Driver will host the workshops with assistance from Central Murray County Council. The workshops will provide skills to better identify and sustain native vegetation. Workshops will be held on the following dates:

- 10.00am – 3.00pm Tuesday 28 March: Boonongo, Morundah;
- 10.00am – 3.00pm Wednesday 29 March: Cooinnee Woods, Jerilderie;
- 10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday 30 March: Wanganella Common, Wanganella.

For full details, call Jim Parrett on M. 0428 609 835.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(21/03/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....48 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 364 GL
On-Farm Usage 694 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 16,177 ML
Price Range \$40 - \$250
Buy Offer \$36
Yesterday's Sales..... 530 ML
Price Range \$39 - \$42

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

14/03/17 – 20/03/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...42; 5,506ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....16; 3,968ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 1,538ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.... 3,311ML(week).... 4,015ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....33GL (58% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,557	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,175	2,350
Escape flows	800	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

14/03/17 – 20/03/17 Rain Evap
Finley 4.6mm 38.9mm
Tullakool..... 1.2mm 53.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,989 GL.....78 %
Hume.....2,041 GL.....68 %
Lake Victoria.....380 GL.....56 %
Menindee Lakes959 GL.....55 %
Total Storage.....6,369 GL.....69 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 12,566 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,224 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 3,160 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 605 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1,854 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,326 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 14 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.