



SAFETY FIRST

Reducing spray drift

Chemicals play a vital role in Australian agriculture. If a decision to spray is reached, then setting time aside to adequately plan any spray program is vital to ensure chemicals are used safely and responsibly. Talk to your neighbours about your intentions, especially if you are planning to spray near a sensitive crop or area. For information on reducing herbicide spray drift, visit: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/weed-control/herbicides/spray-drift.

Daylight savings and water orders

Daylight savings ends this Sunday 2 April. Customers are advised that this may have an impact on the 24-hour water ordering system (due to the loss of an hour). Customers placing new orders with a finish date beyond 2 April must remove one hour from the finish time to enable lodgement.

For existing orders, Customer Support staff will manually adjust orders that finish after Sunday 2 April. Orders will be stopped and restarted to eliminate the hour difference.

Customers who have nominated to receive order end alerts will still receive the message, but a new start order will have been placed up until the original order's duration date and time. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Murray Irrigation sponsorship

As part of Murray Irrigation's proactive approach to supporting healthy, viable and vibrant regional communities, the company provides sponsorship annually to organisations and activities which enhance, promote and embed safety and wellbeing within local communities.

The 2017/18 sponsorship application process is now open. Sponsorship is provided across two categories - financial support and in-kind support. Applications must be received by 30 April 2017. Full details and sponsorship applications are available via: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/sponsorship/. Alternatively, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Keep channel banks clear

Customers are reminded to keep channel banks clear on landholdings. In recent weeks, there have been sightings of discarded chemical drums and packaging left on Murray Irrigation channel banks. If these items enter the channel system, they can impact water delivery and cause environmental issues. Please ensure all chemical drums are disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Check bank account details

Customers are reminded that the Water Exchange bank account details are different to the regular Murray Irrigation bank account that is most commonly used for payments of quarterly accounts. This information is important to ensure your payments are applied accurately to the intended account. For further information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Carpe Diem performance this week

As part of an arts and health initiative for healthier communities, the Carpe Diem performance is coming to Deniliquin this week. 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 this 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, contact Lourene Liebenberg on M. 0428 281 060.

West Berriquin branch meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators are holding a short branch meeting (prior to harvest) on Wednesday 12 April. The meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm. For full details, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

'Producing more beef' breakfast

Central Murray Ag. Inc. is hosting a 'Producing more beef' breakfast at the Bunnaloo Tennis Club from 7.30am this Thursday 30 March. Guests are asked to RSVP by 2.00pm Wednesday 29 March. To do so, call Dan Salmon on M. 0447 240 707 or BJ James on M. 0458 548 973.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(28/03/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....45 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....353 GL
On-Farm Usage712 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale16,959 ML
Price Range\$39 - \$250
Buy Offer\$32
Yesterday's Sales.....930 ML
Price Range\$35 - \$39

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

21/03/17 - 27/03/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...33; 3,952ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....15; 3,909ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 43ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...1,408ML(week)...5,422ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....18GL (53% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,323	10,000
Wakool Canal	605	2,350
Escape flows	400	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

21/03/17 - 27/03/17 Rain Evap
Finley19.6mm26.6mm
Tullakool.....27.6mm35.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,994 GL.....78 %
Hume.....2,007 GL.....67 %
Lake Victoria.....345 GL.....51 %
Menindee Lakes926 GL.....54 %
Total Storage.....6,272 GL.....68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point15,989 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir7,572 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ...2,079 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....889 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....1,564 ML/d
Flow to SA.....10,061 ML/d
Murray to the Sea14 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.