



SAFETY FIRST

Quad bike safety rebates

Since 2001, more than 220 people have been killed in quad bike related incidents on Australian farms. To help improve safety around quad bikes, SafeWork NSW has doubled the quad bike rebate, and is now offering farmers two rebates of up to \$1,000 each. The NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program aims to help farmers implement harm prevention measures in the workplace. For full details, visit: www.nswfarmers.org.au/nsw-quad-bike-safety-improvement-program.

Offtakes to close Monday 8 May

Murray Irrigation will close the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am next Monday 8 May. The company will be conducting a modified drainage procedure from this date. Off-allocation deliveries will commence on an **opportunistic basis** immediately after these closures. To guarantee supply, all customers must have their irrigation programs finalised by Monday 8 May. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after this date. Customers are strongly encouraged to give advanced notice of irrigation demand, including any changes to orders, to assist with channel operations. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Berrigan Main Canal offtake closed

The Berrigan Main Canal offtake was closed yesterday. Off-allocation deliveries may be available on an **opportunistic basis** for customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6. However, an accelerated drainage program is being implemented to allow PIOP Round 3 construction works to commence next week.

Final Winter Works program

Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIOP) Round 2 is due for completion by October this year. Over the next six months the project will complete the final construction stages for both the regulator and outlet programs. Over 260 regulators and 300 outlets are scheduled to be upgraded by October. Construction will be conducted across the entire Murray Irrigation footprint.

End of season – allocation accounts

Customers are encouraged to consider their water allocation accounts (both volume and usage) prior to the end of the 2016/17 irrigation season. As accounts can only carryover up to 50 percent of their water entitlements, customers need to balance any remaining allocation volume to avoid forfeiting volume exceeding the 50 percent limit.

If you have a merged account, there is no need to transfer remaining allocation between landholdings.

Key dates:

- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Tuesday 30 May**.
- The close for use of the Murray Water Exchange facility for Western Murray Irrigation is 5.00pm **Monday 29 May**.
- The Murray Water Exchange closes at 5.00pm **Friday 2 June**.
- Internal annual transfers close at 5.00pm **Friday 9 June**.

Customers whose water usage will exceed 120 percent of their annual delivery entitlements can either pay the Casual Usage Fee or purchase annual delivery entitlements on the Murray Water Exchange. Full details will be released via a special *Taking Water* this week.

E-water report released

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has released the annual *Environmental water use in New South Wales: Outcomes 2015-16*. The report shows the OEH managed the delivery of over 553GL of NSW planned and held and Commonwealth held environmental water in collaboration with landholders, advisory groups and Government agencies. To view the report, visit: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/environmentalwater/water-for-environment-outcomes-report-2015-16-170195.pdf.

BoM climate outlook

May to July rainfall is likely to be below average over the southern two-thirds of mainland Australia, according to the latest Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) outlook. The outlook also predicts warmer than average temperatures to the end of July. To view the BOM outlook, visit: www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(02/05/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....36 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....282 GL
On-Farm Usage 804 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 13,677 ML
Price Range \$20 - \$125
Buy Offer \$10
Yesterday's Sales..... 276 ML
Price Range \$20 - \$22
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

25/04/17 – 01/05/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....18; 3,327ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 1,788ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....28; 5,093ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 22ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... -4,398 (week)..... 718 (YTD)

Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm.....4GL (65% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	688	10,000
Wakool Canal	196	2,350
Escape flows	200	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

25/04/17 – 01/05/17 Rain Evap
Finley 27.5mm 12.6mm
Tullakool..... 20.2mm 15.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,009 GL.....78 %
Hume.....1,790 GL.....60 %
Lake Victoria.....363 GL.....54 %
Menindee Lakes799 GL.....46 %
Total Storage.....5,961 GL.....64 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,714 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,007 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .. 1,421 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 404 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 589 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 4,531 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 10 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.