



SAFETY FIRST

Stock handling course

Expressions of interest are being sought to run a stock handling course in the local area. Low Stress Stockhandling runs two-day courses which cover working with animals easily and safely, as well as advanced stock handling methods that will help to increase overall profit from livestock. To register your interest, contact Steve Fawns on M. 0428 303 316.

Water 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 Class C water entitlements, customers need to balance any remaining allocation volume to avoid forfeiting volume exceeding the 50 percent limit.

Customers whose water usage will exceed 120 percent of their annual delivery entitlements will need to transfer in or purchase annual delivery entitlements on the water exchange to prevent incurring the casual usage fee.

Key dates:

- The Murray Water Exchange closes 5.00pm Friday 2 June - to purchase annual delivery entitlements and sell or buy water.
- Internal annual transfers close 5.00pm Friday 9 June - to balance water allocation accounts.

For further information or assistance, contact Murray Irrigation's Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265.

Outlook for 2017/18 irrigation season

DPI Water yesterday released an update to its preliminary outlook for the 2017/18 irrigation season. There has been little change to the forecasts provided in April, with the outlook indicating a NSW Murray general security opening allocation of four percent in both 'dry' and 'very dry' conditions, rising to 53 percent by November (under average conditions). To view the full outlook, see the 'Water Resources Updates' section of Murray Irrigation's website, or call Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

DPI Water's next water allocation statement for the NSW Murray will be on Monday 3 July 2017.

Lodging new water orders

Customers currently attempting to lodge a new water order may receive an 'unsatisfied' order notification. Please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 to discuss your requirements prior to ordering water.

Water Exchange/website upgrade

Murray Irrigation is currently looking at making improvements to its website and the Water Exchange. If any customers would like to provide input into this process, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Invoices due 31 May

Customers should have now received their March 2017 quarter invoices. If you have any queries regarding the charges on your invoice, please contact Murray Irrigation prior to Wednesday 31 May (as the discount date is unable to be extended). If you would like to alter the delivery method of your invoice, or if any of the contact details are incorrect, please amend these via a 'Form 2', available on our website, or by contacting Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Sale of Western Murray allocation

In the lead up to the end of the 2016/17 irrigation season, Western Murray Irrigation (WMI) Limited is conducting a tender for the sale of its remaining allocation. The tender will soon open and closes at midday on Thursday 25 May, with successful tenderers advised soon thereafter. Tender documents are available via E. enquiries@westernmurray.com.au or by calling WMI on T. 03 5027 4953.

MDBA to move staff to Wodonga

Up to 10 MDBA staff will be permanently based in Wodonga from July 2017 as part of the Authority's efforts to decentralise staff. The MDBA expects the move to lead to a greater regional presence that will benefit both the organisation and basin communities. It is expected that the move will include a role for an engagement officer to work throughout communities in the Southern Basin to assist with collaboration between government agencies and the community.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(16/05/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....35 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....280 GL
On-Farm Usage806 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale10,607 ML
Price Range\$23 - \$125
Buy Offer\$18
Yesterday's Sales.....437 ML
Price Range\$23 - \$25

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

09/05/17 - 15/05/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...25; 7,313ML
External buyers (No. & ML)...0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...36; 7,113ML
External sellers (No. & ML)...1; 200ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...1,399ML (week)...1,427ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Oftakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

09/05/17 - 15/05/17 Rain Evap
Finley0.0mm8.5mm
Tullakool.....0.0mm9.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,004 GL.....78 %
Hume.....1,868 GL.....62 %
Lake Victoria.....385 GL.....57 %
Menindee Lakes791 GL.....46 %
Total Storage.....6,048 GL.....65 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point2,192 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir4,013 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge922 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....495 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....322 ML/d
Flow to SA.....10,575 ML/d
Murray to the Sea7 gates open

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