



## SAFETY FIRST

### Quad bike safety

The NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program is offering two rebates worth up to \$1000 each to assist farmers implement harm prevention measures in the workplace. The rebates will fund the purchase of compliant helmets, Operator Protective Devices and the purchase of a safer side-by-side vehicle. For full details, visit:

[www.safework.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/safety-topics-a-z/quad-bikes](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/safety-topics-a-z/quad-bikes).

### No allocation increase

DPI Water announced this morning no increase in general security entitlements allocation for the NSW Murray. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation remains at 13 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. To access a copy of the DPI Water announcement, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

The next allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Tuesday 15 August. It will contain an updated probability analysis showing likely improvement in water availability under different inflow scenarios.

### Channel filling operations

Murray Irrigation has commenced channel filling at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes. The company will be conducting a modified filling procedure to allow for the completion of Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Winter Works. This will mean a longer filling period than normal. If customer demand were to increase, or supplementary water access was announced, Murray Irrigation would be in a good position to accelerate channel filling.

### Provide notice for water orders

Customers should indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advance notice as possible. Alternatively, customers can contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 to discuss their requirements.

### Customers on 'stop supply'

Customers with outstanding charges relating to the March quarter (and prior) will be placed on 'stop supply' from today (Tuesday 1 August). Relevant customers have been contacted and advised of the out of terms charges. Payment of these charges is required in order to remove the 'stop supply'. If you are unsure about these charges, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265

### BoM climate outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) is forecasting below-average rainfall and warmer than average conditions for most of southern mainland Australia to the end of October. To view the BOM August to October outlook, visit:

[www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary).

### Transfers to Lake Victoria begin

Given the dry conditions experienced in June and July, the MDBA is planning to commence transfers from Hume Reservoir to Lake Victoria this week. Doing so will ensure Lake Victoria has sufficient volume to supplement downstream demands during the peak of the irrigation season. If conditions turn wet, transfers from Hume may be reduced. Over the coming months, the MDBA will manage the filling of Lake Victoria in line with the Lake Victoria Operating Strategy which aims to maximise water security whilst minimising the impact on vegetation and aboriginal cultural heritage sites around the lake.

### Excellence in sustainability

Murray Irrigation was the proud recipient of the Excellence in Sustainability Award at the recent Deniliquin Business Awards. The award recognises a business that is working towards reducing the impact of its operations on the environment, and/or provides products and services that have positive environmental outcomes.

### NSW Farmer of the Year award

Entries have now opened for the 2017 NSW Farmer of the Year Award. The award identifies outstanding farmers who are pushing the boundaries within their industry and in farming generally. The successful 2017 Farmer of the Year will be awarded \$10,000, while the other finalists will receive \$2,000. Entries close Wednesday 27 September 2017 and application forms are available here:

[www.nswfarmers.org.au/about-us/information/farmer-of-the-year](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/about-us/information/farmer-of-the-year).

Scott Barlow, Acting CEO

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 13 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 3 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(01/08/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....53 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 410 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 1,495ML  
Price Range ..... \$150 - \$200  
Buy Offer ..... \$130  
Yesterday's Sales..... 600 ML  
Price Range ..... \$140

To buy water call 1300 781 431

### Water use and trade data

25/07/17 – 31/07/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...16; 5,722ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 970ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....44; 6,592ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 100ML

#### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -935ML (week) -12,672ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	500	10,000
Wakool Canal	100	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

25/07/17 – 31/07/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 1.8mm .... 15.9mm  
Tullakool..... 0.8mm .... 17.9mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,031 GL.....79 %  
Hume.....2,284 GL.....76 %  
Lake Victoria.....428 GL.....63 %  
Menindee Lakes .....756 GL.....44 %  
Total Storage.....6,499 GL.....70 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 3,980 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,057 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.... 1,228 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 964 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 294 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 7,995 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 21 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.*