



## SAFETY FIRST

### Firearms amnesty

Police are encouraging people to surrender illegal and unwanted weapons as part of a national gun amnesty from 1 July to 30 September 2017. Members of the public in possession of unregistered firearms and firearm related articles will be able to surrender, register or supply those items to a participating firearms dealer without fear of prosecution. For full details, visit:

[www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms/amnesty](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms/amnesty).

### 11 percent opening allocation

DPI Water has announced an 11 percent opening allocation for general security and 97 percent for high security entitlement holders in the NSW Murray. General security licence holders in the NSW Murray will have full access to water carried over from 2016/17 (approximately 42 per cent on average). To view the announcement: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/water-resources-updates/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/water-resources-updates/).

### Three percent resource distribution

Murray Irrigation has also announced a water resource distribution of three percent allocation. The current resource distribution will be made available to delivery entitlement holders who have paid all outstanding accounts up to and including the March quarter and will be credited to accounts on Tuesday 11 July. Customers with an outstanding balance on their account must make payment by 5.00pm Friday 7 July in order to access the water resource distribution.

### Regional opening allocation summary

At the start of the water year, the following opening allocation announcements apply for Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	66 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	17 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	36 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	100 percent

### Water Exchange open

The Murray Irrigation Water Exchange re-opened yesterday. External and internal annual transfers have also commenced. Water Exchange and annual transfer forms have been changed following a revision aimed at simplifying the process for customers. New forms are available via: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/forms/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/forms/). Click on 'Water exchange forms'. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 or E. [wex@murrayirrigation.com.au](mailto:wex@murrayirrigation.com.au).

### Inter and intra valley trade

Inter and intra valley trade in the regulated NSW Murray has resumed. Daily updates relating to the current account balance and opening or closing triggers are available through the WaterNSW website at: [www.watarnsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee](http://www.watarnsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee).

### Choke trade restrictions to continue

Trading water from above the Barmah Choke to below the choke will continue to be restricted in the 2017/18 water year. The balance of water that can be traded through the choke was reset on 1 July 2017. An annual adjustment has been made to take account of water savings transferred to the Snowy scheme, resulting in an opening balance close to 37,000ML. The current trade balance for the choke can be found at:

[www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/water-markets-trade/interstate-water-trade/barmah-choke-trade-balance](http://www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/water-markets-trade/interstate-water-trade/barmah-choke-trade-balance).

### June 2017 quarter invoices

The June 2017 quarter invoices were issued to customers last week. These invoices are due Friday 25 August 2017 (deadline for early payment discount). For assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### MDBA releases E-water priorities

The MDBA is recommending environmental water (E-water) managers focus on opportunities to promote fish spawning and strategies to improve habitat for water bird foraging and roosting in 2017/18. The MDBA said this year provided the best opportunity in 25 years to use environmental water to boost environmental resilience. For full details see: [www.mdba.gov.au/media/mr/2017-18-watering-priorities-build-best-conditions-25-years](http://www.mdba.gov.au/media/mr/2017-18-watering-priorities-build-best-conditions-25-years).

Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 11 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 3 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(04/07/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....47 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 399 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 0 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 1,159 ML  
Price Range ..... \$117 - \$125  
Buy Offer ..... \$61  
Yesterday's Sales..... 0 ML  
Price Range ..... \$0

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

27/06/17 – 03/07/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...0; OML  
External buyers (No. & ML)...0; OML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...0; OML  
External sellers (No. & ML)...0; OML

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

Net trade.. -2,000ML (week).. -2,000ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

Oftakes are closed.

### Rainfall and evaporation

27/06/17 – 03/07/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 6.1mm ..... 8.7mm  
Tullakool..... 2.6mm ..... 8.1mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,017 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....2,128 GL.....71 %  
Lake Victoria.....423 GL.....62 %  
Menindee Lakes .....769 GL.....44 %  
Total Storage.....6,337 GL.....68 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 2,511 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 4,240 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...8,512 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 950 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 350 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 5,786 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 6 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.*