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Manage the risks of machinery

SafeWork Australia has developed a guide for managing the risks of machinery in rural workplaces. It includes information on using plant in rural workplaces, selecting the most suitable vehicle for your needs (e.g. tractors, quad bikes and other farm vehicles) and how to manage the risks. Visit: www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/site/s/swa/whs-information/agriculture/pages/agriculture.

Allocation update due Thursday

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due this Thursday 1 September. Murray Irrigation will pass this information on to customers as soon as possible Thursday morning.

Off allocation water access

WaterNSW announced last week an extension to supplementary water access at both the Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes until this Wednesday 31 August. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Check communication settings

Customers are reminded they can subscribe to receive any (or all) company announcements via email, fax or SMS by updating their communication settings by logging into your *Water ordering* account or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Domestic deemed usage credit

A reminder that Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2016/17 season. Application forms are available from the 'Customers' then 'forms' and 'general forms' section of the Murray Irrigation website, or by contacting Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 and must be received by Murray Irrigation by 5.00pm Friday 9 September.

Energy impacts on irrigation

National Irrigators' Council (NIC) is seeking to hear from any irrigator that has received notice from Essential Energy moving them onto a demand tariff from 1 July 2017. Essential Energy has admitted that the move to a demand tariff is likely to result in significant billing increases for the majority

of these customers. The NIC estimates there could be at least 185 irrigation businesses impacted, many in the Murray Shire. NIC has a series of fact sheets available for irrigators and is keen to understand what the impact to irrigators will be. If you have received notice from Essential Energy, please contact NIC via E. tom.chesson@irrigators.org.au.

Denimein landholder database

Denimein Landholders' Association is in the process of updating its member contact details. To be included in the database, contact email your name, landholding address, mailing address and contact number to Association Chair, Josh Small denimein@yahoo.com. Alternatively, contact Josh Small on M. 0427 889 367.

West Berriquin AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.15pm on Monday 5 September. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 6.30pm. To propose agenda items or motions, please email westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com, or contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

Review of rice vesting

The Department of Primary Industries is undertaking a review of rice vesting in NSW - the marketing arrangements for rice. Stakeholders are encouraged to make submissions about whether vesting continues to be in the best interests of the rice industry. Written submissions are due by 14 September 2016 and can be emailed to rice.review@dpi.nsw.gov.au. For further information contact RGA on 02 6953 0433.

Southern Growers livestock meetings

Southern Growers is hosting a series of livestock meetings. Industry experts Ian Sawyer and Nigel McMahon will present at the beef group meeting on Tuesday 6 September. The sheep group meeting will be held on Friday 9 September and Stuart Warner will present on flock reproduction. For more information, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750 or email southerngrowersinc@gmail.com.

Correction

On Tuesday 16 August, Talking Water incorrectly reported 448GL remaining farm balance. The current farm balance is 336GL. Murray Irrigation endeavours to ensure our information is correct, however, on this occasion there was a data error.

Warren Jose, Acting CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 25 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 0 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(30/08/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 42 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 336 GL
On-Farm Usage 17 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 2,217 ML
Price Range \$118 - \$250
Buy Offer \$110
Yesterday's Sales..... 112 ML
Price \$110 - \$118

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

23/08/16 – 29/08/16

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....6; 864ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....15; 864ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade... 1,247ML(week)... -18,035ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 4GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	411	10,000
Wakool Canal	292	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

23/08/16 – 29/08/16 Rain Evap
Finley N/A N/A
Tullakool..... 0mm 14.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth..... 2,201 GL..... 57 %
Hume..... 2,711 GL..... 90 %
Lake Victoria..... 574 GL..... 85 %
Menindee Lakes 204 GL..... 10 %
Active Storage..... 5,485 GL..... 59 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 8,286 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 18,557 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 5,020 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 7,170 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 221 ML/d
Flow to SA 27,475 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 51 gates open

This information is provided for general information purposes only. Murray Irrigation takes best endeavours to ensure accuracy. It is collated at 8am Tuesdays and is subject to change.