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Electricity network maps

Essential Energy warns operators to look for overhead and other electrical infrastructure while harvesting. A range of tools is available to identify powerlines and improve their visibility on properties. Overhead electricity network maps can be requested via:
www.essentialenergy.com.au/overhead.

Director ballot opens Thursday

The ballot to elect three member directors of Murray Irrigation will open on Thursday 3 May and close at noon on Monday 28 May. The election will be conducted by the Australian Election Company of Brisbane after both the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and NSW State Electoral Commission declined to quote for the task, citing their focus on government rather than fee-for-service opportunities.

The candidates, in ballot order are:

- Ted Hatty
- Ryan Gleeson
- Noel Graham
- Steven Fawns
- Louis Kelly
- Noel Baxter
- John Bradford

The ultimate composition of the board, which is expected to be finalised in June, will comprise five member directors and three independent directors. Enquiries, including replacement ballot papers, should be directed to Wade Hadley (Australian Election Company) on 1800 224 420. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/uN2JkK>.

Meet the director candidates

Southern Riverina Irrigators, in conjunction with local landholder associations, is hosting a series of *Meet the Candidates* sessions from this week.

The sessions are:

- Tomorrow (Wednesday 2 May), 7pm – Wakool Services Club.
- Thursday 3 May, 7pm – Sportsmans Arms Hotel, Deniliquin.
- Tuesday 8 May, 7pm – Finley Reserve (BBQ included).

For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/tdiSFk>.

Season extended for Wakool

Murray Irrigation will keep the Wakool Canal offtake open until Monday 7 May. The week-long extension has been driven by exceptionally dry conditions and follows negotiations with principal contractor Ertech who have altered their work schedule accordingly. Deliveries from the Wakool Canal offtake will continue to be debited against allocation accounts up to 7 May.

Although the formal water ordering system is closed, Wakool customers wanting to take advantage of the extended operating period can call 1300 138 265 to discuss their requirements and order water. Customers should provide as much notice and detail of their intentions as possible. For full details, see Thursday's *Operational update*: <https://goo.gl/iWm5ag>.

PIIOP 3 works begin next week

The Mulwala Canal offtakes closed at 8am this morning. Major upgrades to structures along the Mulwala Canal will begin on completion of the system drainage program next week. This work is part of the PIIOP 3 automation project and will involve more than 200 contractors.

RGA leadership deadline 11 May

Applications for the RGA's Foundations of Leadership Course close Friday 11 May. This course, which is part of the Rice Industry Leadership Program 2018-2020, has been developed by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, in conjunction with the RGA. For full details, including how to apply, visit: <http://www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx>.

RGA branch AGMs

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) will hold its respective branch annual general meetings next month:

- Deniliquin – Tuesday 5 June
- Berriquin – Wednesday 6 June
- Wakool – Thursday 7 June

Venues and times will be announced later this month.

For more information, contact Leah Wythes (RGA) on 0488 071 165.

Listen to Talking Water

You can now listen to a recording of *Talking Water* on your smart device: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/talking-water/.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 51 %
Water resource distribution 8 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(01/05/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 16 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 130 GL
On-farm usage 781 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 2,599 ML
Price range \$168 - \$220
Buy offer \$155
Yesterday's sales 203 ML
Price range \$155 - \$170
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

24/04/18 – 30/04/18
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML) 30; 1,827ML
External buyers (No. & ML) 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML) 32; 1,827ML
External sellers (No. & ML) 0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 691ML (week) 64,403ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 23 GL (50%
on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,878	10,000
Wakool Canal	216	2,350
Escape flows	216	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

24/04/18 – 30/04/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 27.3mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 25.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,415 GL 89 %
Hume 926 GL 31 %
Lake Victoria 198 GL 29 %
Menindee Lakes 232 GL 13 %
Total Storage 4,771 GL 51 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 7,684 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,077 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 2,053 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 304 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 56 ML/d
Flow to SA 4,220 ML/d
Murray to the sea 3 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.