



## SAFETY FIRST

### World Health Day – 7 April

World Health Day is celebrated on 7 April every year. This year's theme is depression. Depression affects people of all ages, from all walks of life. Depression can be prevented and treated. A better understanding of what depression is, and how it can be prevented and treated, will help reduce the stigma associated with the condition, and lead to more people seeking help. For information about the campaign, visit: [www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/](http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/). Some of the support services available in Australia: Lifeline T. 13 11 14 and Beyondblue T. 1300 22 46 36.

### End of season arrangements

Murray Irrigation is advising customers on the Berrigan Main Canal of the closure of the offtake on Monday 1 May to allow drainage, with PIOP Round 3 construction works to commence Monday 8 May. To guarantee water delivery, customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 should complete irrigation deliveries prior to Monday 1 May. Affected Murray Irrigation customers will be updated on progress as construction proceeds. It is anticipated that there should be normal water delivery access for the commencement of the 2017/18 irrigation season.

Murray Irrigation will conduct a modified drainage procedure for the remainder of the system from Monday 8 May. Further information regarding these arrangements will be communicated to customers via a special *Talking Water*. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Regulator winter works program

As part of Murray Irrigation's PIOP Round 2 project, there have been 523 regulator sites upgraded to the new Rubicon gate technology (out of a total of 631). The remaining 108 sites will be upgraded during this winter's non-irrigation period. These sites are located across the Murray Irrigation network (both east and west).

### Outstanding accounts

The December 2016 quarter charges are now out of terms. In line with our Entitlements Policy and the Debt

Management procedure, these accounts will now accrue interest. Statements will go out in the next week to customers with an outstanding balance on their account. For further information, or to discuss payment arrangements, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### New Talking Water email format

Customers subscribed to receive *Talking Water* via email will have noticed a new format in recent weeks. If you have any issues accessing the newsletter via this new email format, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. Customers can also update how they wish to receive *Talking Water* via the 'Communications settings' section of their customer login. For assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Environmental watering outlook

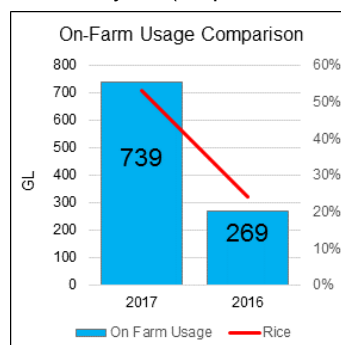
The MDBA has released its environmental watering outlook for 2017/18. This year's outlook describes seasonal and ecosystem conditions and provides an early indication of the likely watering priorities for 2017/18. The MDBA is anticipating wet conditions in early 2017/18, noting that this may change as the year progresses. To view the outlook, visit: [www.mdba.gov.au/publications/mdba-reports/basin-environmental-watering-outlook-2017-18](http://www.mdba.gov.au/publications/mdba-reports/basin-environmental-watering-outlook-2017-18).

### West Berriquin branch meeting

West Berriquin Irrigators are holding a short branch meeting (prior to harvest) on Wednesday 12 April. The meeting will be held at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm. For full details, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785.

### On-farm usage comparison

Murray Irrigation has so far delivered 739GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 53 percent of that water used on rice. This is compared to 269GL at this time last year (23 percent on rice).



Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(04/04/17)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....41 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 318 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 739 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 10,495 ML  
Price Range ..... \$35 - \$125  
Buy Offer ..... \$30  
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,479 ML  
Price Range ..... \$30 - \$35  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

28/03/17 – 04/04/17  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML)...37; 7,337ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)....3; 2,064ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)....21; 5,859ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)....2; 3,542ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade.. -2,973ML(week).. 8,510ML(YTD)\*  
\* Adjusted at monthly reconciliation

**Crop weekly water use**  
ML used on farm.....27GL (50% on rice)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,300	10,000
Wakool Canal	900	2,350
Escape flows	400	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

28/03/17 – 04/04/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 26.9mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 34.6mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....2,995 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....1,921 GL.....64 %  
Lake Victoria.....327 GL.....48 %  
Menindee Lakes .....870 GL.....50 %  
Total Storage.....6,113 GL.....66 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 14,889 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,269 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,094 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 3,248 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1,209 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 7,484 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 10 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.*