



SAFETY FIRST

Drive a heavy vehicle?

Drivers and operators are invited to attend a breakfast forum in Deniliquin on Wednesday 13 June, at the Deniliquin RSL Club. The event provides an opportunity to learn about changes to the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) legislation coming into effect in October 2018. The forum will begin with a complimentary breakfast at 6.30am and is being hosted by Edward River Council, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and NSW Police. Operators and drivers wishing to attend should contact Ken Spence on 0428 597 049 or email ken.spence@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

Election results

Ryan Gleeson, Noel Baxter and Steven Fawns have been elected to the Murray Irrigation Board of Directors. The trio joins current directors Phil Snowden and Waander Van Beek on a restructured board that will be finalised with the further appointment of three independent directors. Voting in the seven-candidate ballot closed at noon on Monday 28 May. Close to 60 percent of eligible votes represented an above average participation rate for the company. For more information see: <https://goo.gl/AvkRrP>.

MDBA Chair visit

Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) chairman Neil Andrew met with Murray Irrigation's directors-elect over a working lunch in Deniliquin last week (Thursday 31 May). Mr Andrew was taken on a guided tour of some of Murray Irrigation's operational area on Wednesday (30 May), including a visit to the property of Mayrunga farmers Leo and Judy Barry to see on-farm efficiency works, as well as outlets and regulators upgraded under PIOP 2. Mr Andrew was in the region as part of a tour to meet local organisations and discuss the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Full details here: <https://goo.gl/TYoDYR>.

Surveying commences

Throughout the next four weeks Murray Irrigation subcontractors will be surveying a number of locations in preparation for 2019 PIOP 3 Winter Works. The surveying will primarily take place at the eastern end of the Mulwala Canal, the Wakool/Tullakool

area and sections of the Jimaringle and Yarraman main channels. Depending upon location, surveyors may be accessing channels on private properties. If you have any concerns, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

RGa branch AGMs

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is holding branch annual general meetings this week:

- Finley RS Club (Berriquin branch) – 4.30pm on Wednesday 6 June
- Wakool Club (Wakool branch) – 7.00pm on Thursday 7 June

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

Learn to Swim

Hundreds of loving parents and caregivers can rest a little easier next summer after 1,353 primary school children recently completed Murray Irrigation's Learn to Swim program. It's the company's most significant community funding initiative and this year involved 18 primary schools and four swim clubs from across the operational footprint. For more information visit: <https://goo.gl/B1sdhY>.

Murray Irrigation offices closed

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 11 June for the Queen's Birthday public holiday. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 13 June.

2019 Nuffield scholarships

2019 Nuffield scholarships are now open with 25 scholarships available to practicing primary producers who will research a topic that will add value to the Australian agricultural industry. The \$30,000 scholarship are available to study cutting-edge global agriculture and can cover 16 weeks overseas travel in 18 months. But you've got to be quick: applications close Friday 15 June. For further information, including how to apply, visit: <https://goo.gl/dix7AR>.

Young Farmer Business Program

The Young Farmer Business Project is holding a free *Getting Started - Bank Ready* workshop at the Wakool Services Club from 6.00pm on Wednesday 20 June. This workshop will teach young farmers and growers how to be *Bank Ready* when it comes to entering and/or expanding their agricultural business. For more information or to register visit: <https://goo.gl/FtD6qj>.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(05/06/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements 16 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 136 GL
On-farm usage 792 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale 1,221 ML
Price range \$215 - \$1,000
Buy offer \$162
Yesterday's sales..... 408 ML
Price range \$185 - \$210

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

29/05/18 – 04/06/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...12; 1,812ML
External buyers (No. & ML)...0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...30; 1,812ML
External sellers (No. & ML)...0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 1,407ML (week) 67,400ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm..... 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

29/05/18 – 04/06/18 Rain Evap
Finley 7.6mm 11.6mm
Tullakool..... 10.4mm 11mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,408 GL.....88 %
Hume.....1,116 GL.....37 %
Lake Victoria.....315 GL.....47 %
Menindee Lakes214 GL.....12 %
Total Storage.....5,053 GL.....55 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 4,322 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,988 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.... 1,393 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 412 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 59 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 4,112 ML/d
Murray to the sea 2 gates open

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