

# Talking Water

Tuesday 5 September 2017



Murray Irrigation

## Allocation increases to 20 percent

DPI Water announced on Friday a **seven percent increase** in general security entitlements allocation for the NSW Murray. This brings the total allocation to **20 percent** for Class C entitlement holders. To access a copy of the DPI Water announcement, visit the *Water Resources Updates* section of our website [www.murrayirrigation.com.au](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au), or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. The next allocation update for the NSW Murray will be on Friday 15 September.

## Regional allocation summary

The following outlines announced allocation for water trading areas as at Friday 1 September:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	90 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	29 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	60 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	100 percent

## Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology seasonal outlook indicates that generally average rainfall conditions are likely in the NSW Murray valley from September to November. The eastern portion of the valley is also likely to experience above average temperatures from September to November.

## Board nominations closed

Nominations for the three Shareholder Director vacancies on the Murray Irrigation board have now closed. Candidates and postal ballot details will be published in upcoming editions of *Talking Water*.

## PIOP Round 2 in-season process

Contractors will remain in the field during the irrigation season as Murray Irrigation works towards completing its PIOP outlet construction program. Contractors will contact customers at least two weeks before planned construction of a new outlet to agree on a set construction date. Once a date is set, the customer should plan their watering program. The contractor will contact the customer two days before construction to confirm work will go ahead. The customer will then place a 'finish' order, allowing the outlet to be put on 'stop supply'. Once construction begins, contractors have five business days to install and commission the outlet. The customer will then be notified that their

outlet is ready for use. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

## Provide notice for water orders

Due to a spike in demand and our modified filling procedure, some water orders may be delayed. Customers are reminded to place water orders at least four days in advance to avoid being deferred. Please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 if you have any enquiries.

## Domestic deemed usage credit

Murray Irrigation is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2017/18 season. Application forms must be received no later than 5.00pm Friday 22 September. 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.

## June quarter accounts

The deadline for the early payment discount on June quarter accounts has now closed. A reminder that payments are due in full by Friday 29 September 2017. Statements will be sent to customers this week with balances. If you have any concerns regarding your account, please contact Customer Support prior to the due date on T. 1300 138 265.

## Clean energy for agribusiness

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is looking to assist agribusinesses with cost-effective financing to make energy efficient and renewable energy improvements. For full details, contact CEFC on T. 1300 002 332 or visit: [www.cefc.com.au](http://www.cefc.com.au).

## Rice Extension workshops

Rice Extension is hosting three 'short grain and drill sowing masterclass' workshops this week. Topics include short grain demand and performance, agronomy of short grains, drill sowing management and growers' experiences. Details:

- RRAPL 'Old Coree', Conargo Road, Jerilderie – 11am Wednesday 6 September
- 'Berrima', Forest Creek Rd, Mayrung – 10am Thursday 7 September
- 'Wakoola', 6187 Wakool Rd, Wakool – 10am Friday 8 September

For more information, contact Troy Mauger on M. 0417 275 168.

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 20 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 3 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(05/09/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....52 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 432 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 6,695 ML

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 7,238 ML  
Price Range ..... \$131 - \$200  
Buy Offer ..... \$112  
Yesterday's Sales..... 3,443 ML  
Price ..... \$120 - \$130

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

29/08/17 – 04/09/17

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)....17; 7,347ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)....44; 7,297ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 50ML

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

Net trade -546ML (week) -13,479ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 5,410 ML  
(81% on winter crops)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,025	10,000
Wakool Canal	277	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

29/08/17 – 04/09/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.2mm ..... 20.6mm  
Tullakool..... 2.0mm ..... 20.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,167 GL.....82 %  
Hume.....2,701 GL.....90 %  
Lake Victoria.....559 GL.....83 %  
Menindee Lakes .....722 GL.....42 %  
Total Storage.....7,149 GL.....77 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 6,431 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 7,541 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.... 1,492 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,241 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 219 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 8,267 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.