

# Talking Water

Tuesday 6 February 2018



Murray Irrigation

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## Telstra network issues resolved

Online access to Murray Irrigation's Water Ordering System and Water Exchange has been restored after three days of downtime last week due to a Telstra network issue. Customers were unable to place water orders over the internet or use the online exchange. The company's Deniliquin phone lines were also disabled. The Telstra security software issue severely impacted administrative productivity, but the effects on customers were minimised by reverting to manual backup systems. See the company's media statement here: <https://goo.gl/BQ8d2i>.

## Customer meetings next week

The interim board of Murray Irrigation is seeking feedback from shareholders about proposed changes to the company constitution. A series of shareholder feedback meetings will be held next week. Dates, times and venues:

- Tuesday 13 February:
  - Pretty Pine Hall, 9.30am;
  - Moulamein Bowling Club, 2.30pm;
  - Wakool Services Club, 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 14 February:
  - Berrigan Football Club, 9.30am;
  - Mayrung Hall, 2.30pm;
  - Deniliquin Golf Club, 7.00pm.
- Thursday 15 February:
  - Bunnaloo Hall, 9.30am;
  - Jerilderie Library, 2.30pm;
  - Finley Bowling Club, 7.00pm.

Further details will be in an upcoming special *Talking Water*.

## PIIOP 3 early works commence

Maintenance crews commenced PIIOP 3 early works yesterday. The works comprise wet weather access tracks for all sites along the Mulwala Canal, site establishment and laydown areas, plus installation of temporary fencing and signage. These early works, expected to finish early April, will support Murray Irrigation's major regulator upgrade program scheduled for the 2018 irrigation off season (May to July). Further information on individual site construction activities will be in future editions of *Talking Water*.

## Lawson Syphon access road closure

As part of the PIIOP 3 early works, there will also be a major upgrade to the Lawson Syphon access road. This road will be closed to public traffic until further notice.

## No allocation increase

NSW Crown Lands and Water general security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at 49 percent. See: <https://goo.gl/a4jLd8>. The next allocation update is due Thursday 15 February. Subscribe directly here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

## Murray Irrigation on Twitter

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## December payments due 23 February

Payment of second quarter (December 2017) invoices is due by 5.00pm Friday 23 February. For further information or assistance, contact Accounts Receivable via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

## Four-day notice for water orders

Customers should ensure that water orders are placed at least four days in advance to guarantee delivery. Report any issues or concerns by contacting Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

## Mid-season rice update

Rice Extension is holding a mid-season rice update at the Pretty Pine Hall from 9.30am this Friday 9 February. Topics include grain quality, how to maximise your whole grain yield (WGY), legumes in rice, how to utilise data and information collected from drones and general rice issues. For further information contact Extension Officer Troy Mauger on 0417 375 168.

## Deniliquin RGA branch meeting

The mid-season rice update will be followed by the Deniliquin RGA branch meeting at 11.00am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 49 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 8 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and usage

(06/02/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 35 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 289 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 505 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale ..... 8,338 ML  
Price range ..... \$114 - \$350  
Buy offer ..... \$105  
Yesterday's sales ..... 481 ML  
Price range ..... \$105 - \$115

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

30/01/18 – 05/02/18

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 34; 2,660ML  
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 31; 2,540 ML  
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 2; 120ML

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

Net trade 1,221ML (week) 16,329ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 19 GL (69%  
on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,266	10,000
Wakool Canal	698	2,350
Escape flows	150	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

30/01/18 – 05/02/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 9.1mm ..... 56.4mm  
Tullakool ..... 17.0mm ..... 55.2mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth ..... 3,435 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 1,805 GL ..... 60 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 481 GL ..... 71 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 356 GL ..... 21 %  
Total Storage ..... 6,077 GL ..... 66 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 14,870 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 8,723 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,638 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 301 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 51 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 8,044 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 5 gates open

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