

# Talking Water

Tuesday 6 March 2018



Murray Irrigation

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## Contacting Murray Irrigation

Murray Irrigation can now operate 22 out of its 30 operational areas via remote control. This enables Channel Attendants to continue transitioning to other roles, such as Field Technicians. The transition includes training to maintain new outlets and regulators, operate low use Dethridge outlets and monitor the condition of the supply system. Subsequently, customers' regular daily contact with Channel Attendants will continue to reduce. The Customer Support team is now the primary point of contact for all customer enquiries, including maintenance requests. The team is available from 7.00am to 7.00pm every day on 1300 138 265.

## Shareholder survey results

Results from last month's shareholder survey are now available online: <https://goo.gl/pKFqFj>. Nine shareholder meetings were held across the footprint to gather feedback on proposed changes to the company's constitution. An online version of the survey was also released to shareholders who were unable to attend a meeting.

## EGM date confirmed

Proposed changes to the company's constitution will be presented to shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) next month. The EGM will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 April. Registrations open at 6pm. The proposed changes reflect the feedback of close to one in five shareholders who completed last month's survey. For full details, see yesterday's media release here: <https://goo.gl/kJ91tt>.

## Director candidate briefings

Director candidate information sessions will be held in Deniliquin on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 March. Day one (14 March) will include an overview of the company, training presented by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (*Responsibilities and Practice in the Boardroom*), an insight into the Murray

Irrigation board and a presentation by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

Day two of the briefing (15 March) is ideal for potential candidates to talk informally and in private with one or two members of the interim board and it will be a unique opportunity to speak with a highly experienced recruiter about their potential for leadership and a career as a director. For best value from the two days, there is pre-reading material available. For further information contact Suni Campbell, Executive General Manager Business Services, on 1300 138 265.

## Prepare for 1 May system closure

The Mulwala Canal offtake will close on Monday 1 May to allow PIIOP 3 works to commence. Customers should factor this closure date into their end of season planning. The system is expected to reopen early August. A channel draining plan will be communicated in coming weeks.

## Summer crop options field day

Southern Growers is holding a *Summer Crop Options & Systems* field day this Thursday 8 March. The day will start at Paul Bramley's property (off Newell Highway, 15km north of Finley) from 9.30am. For full details, contact Stephanie Chappell on 0417 444 750.

## Fencing for improved biosecurity

The Central Murray Best Wool-Best Lamb Group (CMBWBL) and Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG) are holding a *Fencing Systems and Biosecurity* workshop at the Mallan Community Hall (Cunninyeuk Rd) from 10.00am on Wednesday 14 March. Old fencing around the hall will be replaced as part of the demonstration, followed by a biosecurity information session with particular focus on new LPA compliance regulations. For details, call Rick Ellis on 0428 372 357.

## Soil management workshops

WMLIG and Rice Extension are holding two soil management workshops later this month. The first will be at Michael Shannon's property 'Greta' (off Troy Rd, Wakool) from 2.30pm on Monday 19 March. The second event is being held at Steve and Linda Fawn's property 'Longford Park' (Moonee Swamp Road, Deniliquin) from 9.30am on Tuesday 20 March. Workshops will feature a soil pit demonstration and an interactive presentation on soil biology. For more information, contact Laura Kaylock on 0431 236 045.

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and usage

(06/03/18)  
Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 28 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 229 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 589 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for sale ..... 5,774 ML  
Price range ..... \$122 - \$350  
Buy offer ..... \$115  
Yesterday's sales ..... 1,022 ML  
Price range ..... \$115 - \$124

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

27/02/18 – 05/03/18

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....77; 9,980ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....33; 6,996ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....3; 2,984ML

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

Net trade 8,181ML (week) 30,409ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 22 GL (62%  
on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

|               | Actual | Capacity |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Mulwala Canal | 3,964  | 10,000   |
| Wakool Canal  | 848    | 2,350    |
| Escape flows  | 450    | 3,250    |

## Rainfall and evaporation

27/02/18 – 05/03/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 62.4mm  
Tullakool ..... 0.0mm ..... 60.2mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,425 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 1,521 GL ..... 51 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 372 GL ..... 55 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 307 GL ..... 18 %  
Total Storage ..... 5,625 GL ..... 61 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 15,232 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 8,357 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,238 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 193 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 29 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 5,359 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 9 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.