



## SAFETY FIRST

### Men's health dinner

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is hosting a men's health dinner with former AFL footballer and premiership coach David Parkin next week. David will share his knowledge, along with insights and anecdotes from his long career in Australian rules football. The event will be held at the Deniliquin Rams clubrooms (Hardinge Street) from 7.00pm on Tuesday 13 June. Tickets are \$35. To RSVP, contact Neil Bull on M. 0428 603 557.

### Customer feedback results

Following the customer feedback groups held earlier this year, Murray Irrigation will present the feedback results to customers between Monday 19 June and Friday 30 June 2017. Customers involved in the initial feedback groups will be contacted shortly to arrange a meeting. Public presentations are proposed to be held at the same local venues, exact locations and dates will be confirmed in the next edition of *Talking Water*.

### PIIOP Round 2 update

Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Round 2 has commenced its final Winter Works construction program. At the beginning of the Winter Works program, there were approximately 200 regulators to construct. These remaining regulators are a priority for the project team, with an aim to complete construction by mid-August. Wet commissioning of the sites will, if necessary, follow the rewatering of the system for the new irrigation season. Completion of the regulators will allow the implementation of remote control of Murray Irrigation's channels. For more information, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Internal transfer closure

Customers are reminded that all internal annual transfers close at **5.00pm this Friday 9 June**. This is the last day for customers to transfer annual allocation and or annual delivery entitlements to balance water allocation accounts for the 2016/17 season. For further information or assistance, please contact the Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265.

### Solar farm proposal

Renewable energy company RES Australia will start the public community consultation phase of its multi-million dollar solar farm proposal this week. The company has plans to build two solar farms in the Mayrung area and hopes to start construction as early as next year, pending government approval. Two community consultation events will be held this Thursday 8 June. The first at the Blighty Hall from 11.00am to 1.30pm, and the second at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. For more information on the projects call T. 1800 841 178.

### May weather and inflows summary

The Bureau of Meteorology reports that area-averaged rainfall across the Murray-Darling Basin in May was 25.8mm and that May 2017 was the 47th driest May in 118 years of records. The MDBA reports that River Murray system inflows during May (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental flows) totalled around 168GL, which is below the month's long-term median of 281GL. In comparison with the historical record since 1891, only about 22 percent of previous monthly totals for May have been lower than the inflows observed in May 2017.

### 2016/17 water year summary

Rainfall in 2016/17 was above average across most of the Basin, according to the MDBA. The water year was significantly wetter than 2015/16, and the wettest year basin-wide since 2011/12. Of particular note, rainfall for the winter and spring period was 'very much above average' across most of the Basin. In addition, September 2016 was the Basin's wettest September on record. River Murray System inflows during 2016/17 were around 14,800GL - almost twice the long-term median of around 8,000GL, putting 2016/17 in the wettest 14 percent of years on record.

For full details, see the MDBA's 31 May weekly report, via:

<https://www.mdba.gov.au/river-information/weekly-reports>.

### Murray Irrigation offices closed

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed next Monday 12 June for the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Offices will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 13 June. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 14 June.

Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(06/06/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....35 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 297 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 806 GL

### WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Trading will recommence on Monday 3 July.

### Water use and trade data

30/05/17 – 05/06/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...56; 8,476ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 982ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..56; 9,458ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

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

Net trade.. -1,388ML (week).. -2,447ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

### Rainfall and evaporation

30/05/17 – 05/06/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.8mm ..... 5.1mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 7.7mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,010 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....1,996 GL.....66 %  
Lake Victoria.....411 GL.....61 %  
Menindee Lakes .....780 GL.....45 %  
Total Storage.....6,197 GL.....67 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 1,978 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 4,001 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...1,050 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 511 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 317 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 3,787 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 6 gates open

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