



SAFETY FIRST

Quad bike safety training

Tocal College, in partnership with SafeWork NSW, is offering subsidised quad bike training to eligible farmers and farm workers. The one-day course will teach safety measures around the use of quad bikes on farm. Training will be available across NSW, including a session in Deniliquin on 15-16 February. For more information, contact Natalie O'Leary from Tocal College Yanco on T. 02 6951 2627 or M. 0458 081 200, or visit: www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/nsw-quad-bike-safetyimprovement-program.

Tagging of endangered bittern

A young male Australasian Bittern was discovered in a rice crop at Mayrung property 'Willum Park' last week. Fondly named 'MILo', the bittern was tagged with a transmitter to help uncover the network of wetlands that the population depends on during the colder months after harvest. The tracking is part of the 'Bitterns in Rice Project' which is proudly supported by Murray Irrigation. MILo is the first Australasian Bittern to be tagged in the Murray Valley. For full details, see the 'Media releases' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/media-releases/.

Communication network issues

Due to an external issue (Telstra system malfunction), Murray Irrigation experienced technical issues with its communication network late last week. This resulted in the company's alarm system operating intermittently. The issue has now been resolved. However, if you are experiencing supply difficulty or notice any unusual activity with Murray Irrigation channels, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

January inflows summary

River Murray System inflows during January (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental flows) totalled around 260GL, which is slightly above the month's long-term average of around 250GL. Temperatures were well above average across the Basin in January.

December quarter invoices

Invoices relating to the December 2016 quarter period are now being issued to customers and will be delivered via your preferred delivery method (as indicated on your account). Email recipients should receive their invoice by today. For post-delivery, please allow reasonable time to receive your invoice. If you do not receive your invoice, or for more information, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

West Berriquin branch meeting

The West Berriquin Irrigators' Council branch meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday 16 February. It will start with a tour of the Deniliquin Rice Mill at 9.00am. RSVPs are essential. Contact Linda Fawns via M. 0409 044 754 or E. westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com.

Edward-Wakool Fish Forum

Murray Local Land Services is hosting an Edward-Wakool Fish Forum on Thursday 16 February. It will be held from 7.00pm at the Barham and District Services Club. The evening is an opportunity for recreational fishers, landholders and the wider community to share information about native and pest fish projects in the Edward-Wakool system. A free bus will be leaving from Deniliquin at 5.30pm. Bookings are essential. For more information, contact Josh Campbell (Murray LLS) on M. 0427 104 874.

Telstra Country Wide Q&A session

NSW Farmers has organised a question and answer (Q&A) session with Telstra Country Wide. It will be held on Wednesday 22 February at the Deniliquin RSL Club. Area General Manager, Chris Taylor, and local customer service consultant for southern NSW, Matt Luff, will be at the meeting to hear any issues or concerns, and answer any questions customers may have. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Following the Q&A, a short annual meeting of the NSW Farmers Deniliquin Branch will take place. For more information, contact Simone Norrie (NSW Farmers) on M. 0427 773 495 or E. norries@nswfarmers.org.au.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(07/02/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 64 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 503 GL*
*Adjusted from last week, minor discrepancy
On-Farm Usage 517 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 18,606 ML
Price Range \$49 - \$250
Buy Offer \$45
Yesterday's Sales..... 100 ML
Price \$49

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

31/01/17 – 06/02/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 16; 1,874ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 7; 1,828ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 46ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...-1,466ML(week)...-10,841ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 44GL (58% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,379	10,000
Wakool Canal	806	2,350
Escape flows	400	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

31/01/17 – 06/02/17 Rain Evap
Finley 7.8mm 38.0mm
Tullakool..... 11.6mm 46.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth..... 3,026 GL..... 78 %
Hume..... 2,492 GL..... 83 %
Lake Victoria..... 480 GL..... 71 %
Menindee Lakes 1,264 GL..... 73 %
Active Storage..... 7,262 GL..... 78 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 9,883 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,095 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,353 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,042 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 4,112 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,877 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 21 gates open

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