



## SAFETY FIRST

### Revised WHS strategy

Safe Work Australia has published a revised version of the *Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy* which includes a focus on the agriculture industry. To view the updated strategy, see: <https://goo.gl/ni5Hb7>.

### Director ballot open

The ballot to elect three member directors of Murray Irrigation opened on Thursday 3 May and closes at noon on Monday 28 May. The candidates, in ballot order are:

- Ted Hatty
- Ryan Gleeson
- Noel Graham
- Steven Fawns
- Louis Kelly
- Noel Baxter
- John Bradford

Enquiries, including replacement ballot papers, should be directed to Wade Hadley (Australian Election Company) on 1800 224 420. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/uN2JkK>.

### Meet the director candidates

Southern Riverina Irrigators, in conjunction with local landholder associations, is hosting a *Meet the Candidates* evening at the Finley Recreation Reserve from 7pm today (BBQ dinner provided). For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/tdiSFk>.

### Irrigation season closes

The 2017/18 water delivery season has finished successfully with 790GL delivered on-farm. Priority Mulwala Canal sites have been drained on schedule. A significant volume of water has been retained in the system, assisting to mitigate the risk of delays to the 2018/19 season (opening in August). We thank customers for their cooperation during this modified drainage procedure.

### Water allocation accounts

Customers should consider their water allocation accounts (both volume and usage) prior to the end of the 2017/18 irrigation season. As accounts can only carry over up to 50 percent of their Class C water entitlements, customers need to balance any remaining allocation volume to avoid forfeiting volume exceeding the 50 percent limit.

For full details, see Friday's *Operational* update here: <https://goo.gl/qVvEoj>. For assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### Trade closure dates

Customers are reminded of the following dates for the close of external and internal annual trade for the 2017/18 season:

- **5.00pm Monday 18 June**
  - Water Exchange closes for water trading and annual delivery entitlements.
  - Last day for internal transfer, purchase and payment of annual delivery entitlements to avoid casual usage charge.
- **5.00pm Thursday 21 June**
  - Last day to submit external transfers (MLs) to/from Murray Irrigation.
- **Midnight Sunday 24 June**
  - Internal annual transfers close.
  - Customer portal access to water accounts closes.

For further information, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### Allocation announcement next week

Department of Industry – Water (DPI Water) will announce its next water allocation on Tuesday 15 May. It will be the last update for this water year and will also provide the latest estimates of expected opening (1 July) allocations. Why wait for Murray Irrigation to forward the announcement? Subscribe directly to it here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

### MILCast products online

Did you know you can now shop for MILCast products online? MILCast has a full product range on its website. Customers can view product features (detailed through shop drawings), product specifications, prices and product images. View the range here: [www.milcast.com.au/products](http://www.milcast.com.au/products).

### April inflows and weather

The MDBA reports that River Murray system inflows for April totalled just 94GL. Only nine percent of years would be expected to have lower inflows in April. The Bureau of Meteorology reported that April 2018 was the second warmest April on record for Australia as a whole, with a monthly mean temperature 2.38°C above average.

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 51 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 8 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(08/05/18)  
Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 16 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 131 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 790 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for sale ..... 2,536 ML  
Price range ..... \$165 - \$220  
Buy offer ..... \$150  
Yesterday's sales ..... 0 ML  
Price range ..... N/A

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

01/05/18 – 07/05/18

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...9; 2,393ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)....15; 2,393ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade -536ML (week) 63,867ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 9 GL (49%  
on annual pasture)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

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

### Rainfall and evaporation

01/05/18 – 07/05/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 4.8mm ..... 24.7mm  
Tullakool ..... 9.0mm ..... 21.8mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,415 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 938 GL ..... 31 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 215 GL ..... 32 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 229 GL ..... 13 %  
Total Storage ..... 4,797 GL ..... 52 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 2,034 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 5,562 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 1,732 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 392 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 80 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 3,361 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 3 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.*