



MYTHS & LEGENDS

The myth: If the dams are nearly full, why is allocation only 32 percent?

The facts: NSW Murray allocation is calculated on 'whole of system' storage (i.e. the total NSW portion of storage in Dartmouth, Hume, Menindee and Lake Victoria). Dartmouth and Hume currently hold 87 and 83 percent respectively, yet there is only 76 percent in the overall available storage (as Menindee Lakes is only at 32 percent). Of the water held, Victoria has more in storage than NSW. Once all commitments have been considered, including Barmah-Millewa payback, South Australian entitlements and reserves, NSW is advised the volume available for allocation. According to the Department of Crown Lands and Water, this was 1,980GL on 1 November, with 730GL of that committed to carryover (only 60GL of which belongs to the environment). The good news is that now that the Barmah-Millewa account is fully repaid and Victoria's half of Hume Dam is full, any further inflows into Hume will be allocated to NSW Murray.

Board to resign at AGM

As announced in a *Landholder update* Friday, the Board of Murray Irrigation has avoided subjecting shareholders to an Extraordinary General Meeting by each Director agreeing to resign at the conclusion of the company's Annual General Meeting on November 28.

The decision will have no impact on management or the operations of the company. After the Board's resignation, there will be an interim governance structure, the make-up of which will be guided by independent advice being sought from experts in corporate transition. That advice will also help determine when an election of directors should be held and in what format. For full details, see Friday's release here: <https://goo.gl/iUYZD6>.

Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 November at the Deniliquin RSL Club.

Mulwala Canal to close 23 April

The proposed closure of the Mulwala Canal on 16 April has been deferred until 23 April. This is to complete major works and reflects customer feedback. Deliveries are not guaranteed after this date. This also means most customers will not receive water until about 20 August 2018 (i.e. the start of the next season).

It's unlikely off-allocation access will be announced after 23 April as it's planned to leave as much water as possible in the channels during winter for fast filling in the 2018/19 season. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation increases to 32 percent

DPI Water's general security entitlements allocation for the NSW Murray is now at **32 percent** for Class C entitlement holders. DPI Water also reported that, in accordance with the water sharing plan, the Barmah-Millewa environmental water allowance borrow has been fully repaid. Access a copy of the announcement here: <https://goo.gl/cvRjEF>.

2017 Annual Report summary

A summary of Murray Irrigation's 2017 Annual Report has been mailed to customers. The full report, along with an archive of previous reports, is available to access online: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/annual-reports/.

Spray drift awareness

Spray drift close to sensitive areas has again been raised as a potential issue. For tips on drift reduction, visit: www.nufarm.com/Assets/18916/1/TopTipsforDriftReduction2011.pdf.

National Agriculture Day

Tuesday 21 November is National Agriculture Day with events taking place across the nation. Why not dust off the box Brownie and enter the AgDay photo competition? To find out more, visit: www.agday.org.au/.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 32 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(08/11/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....44 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 363 GL
On-Farm Usage 215 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 8,134 ML
Price Range \$134 - \$350
Buy Offer \$129
Yesterday's Sales..... 63 ML
Price \$134

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

01/11/17 – 07/11/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)...26; 3,470ML
External buyers (No. & ML)....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)....18; 3,444ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 26ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 586ML (week) -6,317ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 16 GL (55%
on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,357	10,000
Wakool Canal	672	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

01/11/17 – 07/11/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 45.9mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 48.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,357 GL.....87 %
Hume.....2,483 GL.....83 %
Lake Victoria.....646 GL.....95 %
Menindee Lakes550 GL.....32 %
Total Storage.....7,036 GL.....76 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 18,827 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 14,485 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....686 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,089 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 818 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 7,121 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 5 gates open

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