



## SAFETY FIRST

### Beware of email scams

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) is warning the community to be wary of online scammers, following a number of reports over the Christmas period. 'Phishing' scams are the most common scam reported to the ACCC's Scamwatch. Statistics show that older Australians (those aged 65+) are particularly vulnerable to this scam and that email or the phone are the scammers' preferred tool of the trade for contacting potential victims. For full details, see: [www.scamwatch.gov.au/](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/).

### PIIOP 3 update

Cohuna-based business, AWMA - Water Control Solutions, has been awarded a \$6 million contract to provide regulator gates for major modernisation upgrades along the Mulwala Canal in 2018. The contract was awarded in December after an extensive product review and competitive tendering process. AWMA - Water Control Solutions will supply stainless regulator gates with a design life of 50 years. The first gates are scheduled for delivery in March 2018 in readiness for the 2018 winter construction program.

To complement the planned Mulwala Canal regulator upgrades, Murray Irrigation will commence early works from February 2018. These works will comprise access track upgrades, site establishment plus some fencing and preliminary earthworks at each site.

### Allocation update due Monday

NSW Crown Lands and Water will release its next water allocation statement on Monday 15 January. Subscribe directly to the announcement here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

### Resource distribution applied this week

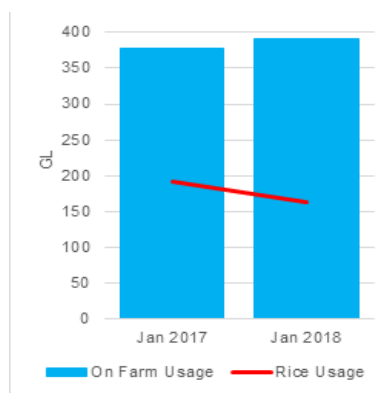
As announced in December, Murray Irrigation will issue a five percent resource distribution to its customers. The distribution will be made available to fully financial delivery entitlement holders and will be applied to customer accounts from tomorrow, Wednesday 10 January.

### Provide notice for water orders

As demand for water increases, customers should ensure that water orders are placed at least four days in advance to guarantee delivery. Please also report any issues or concerns by contacting Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### On-farm usage update

Murray Irrigation has so far delivered 391GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 42 percent used on rice. This compares to 378GL delivered at this time last year (51 percent on rice).



### Wakool field walk and branch meeting

A Rice Extension field walk and RGA Wakool branch meeting will be held on Monday 15 January. The field walk will be held from 8.00am at McNaul's farm, 'Wakoola', 6187 Wakool Road. It will be followed by the branch meeting from about 9.30am.

### RGA tertiary scholarships

Applications for the 2018 *Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship* (\$10,000) and *Peter Connor Book Award* (\$3,000) close Friday 19 January. Eligibility criteria and application forms can be found at [www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx](http://www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx). For further information, contact RGA on 02 6953 0433 or [rga@rga.org.au](mailto:rga@rga.org.au).

### Australian Farmer digital book

*The Australian Farmer* is a 300-page digital book and knowledge tool made for farmers. Created over two years in close collaboration with peak bodies and farmers themselves, it contains access to an additional 2000 pages of resources for farmers on innovation, science, productivity and profitability. To access the book, visit: [www.theaustralianfarmer.com/digital-book.html](http://www.theaustralianfarmer.com/digital-book.html).

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 46 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 8 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(09/01/18)  
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....33 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance.....271 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 391 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for Sale ..... 10,327 ML  
Price Range ..... \$115 - \$350  
Buy Offer ..... \$105  
Yesterday's Sales..... 112 ML  
Price ..... \$115

To buy water call 1300 781 431

### Water use and trade data

02/01/18 – 08/01/18

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...35; 4,829ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....24; 4,356ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 473ML

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

Net trade 85ML (week) 6,878ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm..... 36 GL (71% on rice)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,133	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,522	2,350
Escape flows	700	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

02/01/18 – 08/01/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.5mm ..... 73.8mm  
Tullakool..... 4.4mm ..... 72.5mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth.....3,435 GL.....89 %  
Hume.....2,064 GL.....69 %  
Lake Victoria.....637 GL.....94 %  
Menindee Lakes .....423 GL.....24 %  
Total Storage.....6,559 GL.....71 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 17,945 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,387 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....950 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,098 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 51 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 9,331 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 8 gates open

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