



## SAFETY FIRST

### Mental health presentations

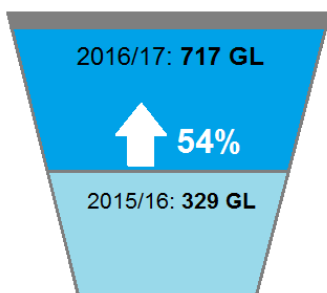
Riverina Bluebell has engaged popular mental health advocate, Nic Newling, to present to Riverina secondary school students and general community members early next month. Nic will present at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 7.00pm on Thursday 1 June and the Finley Recreation Club from 7.00pm on Friday 2 June. This is a free community event and everyone is invited to attend.

### Offtakes closed

Murray Irrigation closed its Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes at 8.00am yesterday. We have now commenced a modified system closure. Off-allocation deliveries are available on an opportunistic basis. Any outlets still operating by Monday 5 June will be finished and a final meter reading recorded. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### 2016/17 water deliveries

Murray Irrigation delivered 717GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 54 percent of that water used on rice. This is compared to 329GL at this time last year (eight percent on rice). Together with environmental deliveries, the company delivered a total of 806GL through its irrigation system in 2016/17.



### End of season carryover

The Murray Water Exchange will close at 5.00pm Friday 2 June. Customers are encouraged to consider their water allocation accounts (both volume and usage) prior to the end of the 2016/17 irrigation season. As accounts can only carryover 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.

Internal annual transfers to balance carryover must be completed by Friday 9 June. For full details, see the special *Talking Water* released on Friday 5 May, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### March quarter invoices

Invoices for the March 2017 quarter were sent to customers last week. Those who have registered for email delivery should have now received their invoice. If you have not received an invoice, please contact Murray Irrigation on T. 1300 138 265. Customers should also note that the due date for the invoice discount period is 5.00pm Wednesday 31 May 2017.

### Forecast general security allocation

An update to DPI Water's preliminary forecast of water availability for 2017/18 will be made next Monday 15 May. The update will provide the latest estimates of expected opening (1 July) allocations, and the likelihood of water availability improvements into the new water year under different inflow scenarios. Murray Irrigation will pass the announcement on to customers as early as possible Monday.

### April 2017 inflows summary

According to the MDBA, River Murray system inflows during April (excluding Snowy Scheme, Darling River and managed environmental flows) totalled around 209GL, which is above the month's long-term median of 174GL. In comparison with the historical record since 1891, only about 35 percent of previous monthly totals for April have been higher than the inflows observed in April 2017.

### Mobile Service Centre visit

The Australian Government's Mobile Service Centre will be visiting the local area next week. The Mobile Service Centre provides an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Visitors can find out about services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with a disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Details as follows (from 9.00am each day):

- Wednesday 17 May – Jerilderie Civic Centre;
- Thursday 18 May – Finley, Pinnuck St;
- Friday 19 May – Tocumwal Foreshore.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(09/05/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....35 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 280 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 806 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 13,939 ML  
Price Range ..... \$14 - \$125  
Buy Offer ..... \$13  
Yesterday's Sales..... 43 ML  
Price ..... \$13

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

02/05/17 – 08/05/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...27; 5,850ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 43ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....21; 5,315ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 578ML

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

Net trade..... -690ML (week)..... 28ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....2GL (52% on storage)

### 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

02/05/17 – 08/05/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... N/A ..... N/A  
Tullakool..... N/A ..... N/A

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,009 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....1,825 GL.....61 %  
Lake Victoria.....389 GL.....57 %  
Menindee Lakes .....783 GL.....45 %  
Total Storage.....6,006 GL.....65 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 3,153 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 4,013 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 962 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,367 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 339 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 6,856 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 6 gates open

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