

TalkingWater

Tuesday 10 October 2017



Murray Irrigation

New Talking Water audio format

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www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/talking-water/

MYTHS & LEGENDS

The myth: PIOP Round 2 is over budget.

The facts: The PIOP Round 2 project will be delivered on budget. The total project investment is \$206.3 million, as approved by the Murray Irrigation Board in June 2014. The Australian Government is contributing \$169.2 million and the Company is funding the remaining \$37.1 million. The Company also succeeded in its efforts to keep accrued interest totalling \$3.3 million which it will invest in further PIOP works.

Make your vote count

Ballot papers for Murray Irrigation's upcoming Director elections must be received by 5.00pm Tuesday 24 October. Make an informed decision and make your vote count by sending it on time in the stamped envelope provided. Voting enquiries can be directed to T. 1300 428 082.

Company update

Murray Irrigation has released an update providing a performance overview for the 2016/17 financial year. The update can be viewed on our website here: <http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/special/current-activities/>

2017 Berrigan Canal upgrades

Six structures within the Berrigan system underwent major upgrades this winter as part of PIOP Round 3. The project will merge with earlier upgrades across the network, significantly improving on and off-farm efficiency. Watch a video of the works here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpObzQF02g&t=33s>

Contractor brush cutting

Brush cutting contractors may need to access customer properties over the next few weeks as they maintain the company's access tracks and gates. If this raises concerns for you please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Allocation update due Monday

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due Monday 16 October and the company will pass the information on to registered customers shortly thereafter. To subscribe to these announcements (via email, SMS or fax) update your communication preferences by logging in to the *Water ordering system* and updating your communication settings, or contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Giving notice for water orders

Customers are reminded that water orders need to be placed at least four days in advance. If you require assistance contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Deniboota AGM

Deniboota Landholders' Association annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 19 October from 7.30pm at Caldwell Hall. For more information contact Alastair Starritt on M. 0429 965 357.

AgQ race day marquees

AgQ is hosting public marquees at the:

- Deniliquin Caulfield Cup Races, Saturday 21 October
- Berrigan Gold Cup Races, Saturday 4 November (bus available from Deniliquin)

Tickets start from \$35.00 and are available via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/agq-12945129001>

Menindee lakes releases increased

WaterNSW has started increasing releases from the Menindee lakes system to deliver water ordered by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), while continuing to operate the lakes to maximise future water security for local users. MDBA releases are made to meet demands in the Murray downstream of the Darling River confluence. More information is available here:

<https://www.mdba.gov.au/media/mr/joint-media-release-releases-increase-menindee-lakes>

Combined cultural heritage tour

It's a day off tomorrow (11 October) for those who wish to join the Ricegrowers' Association Environmental Champions Program coach tour to highlight the combined cultural heritage of the region. The coach will depart from Deniliquin Tourist Information Centre at 8.30am, with a pick-up at Jerilderie Ned Kelly Post Office at 9.30am. The tour is a free event and includes lunch. For details, contact M. 0438 719 628 or E. ehaffer@rga.org.au

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 29 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(10/10/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....49 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 405 GL
On-Farm Usage 124 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 13,351 ML
Price Range \$139 - \$250
Buy Offer \$131
Yesterday's Sales..... 790 ML
Price \$138 - \$140

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

03/10/17 – 09/10/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....33; 5,097ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 150ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....31; 4,564ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....4; 683ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 102ML (week) -9,956ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 19 GL (52%
on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,085	10,000
Wakool Canal	976	2,350
Escape flows	976	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

03/10/17 – 09/10/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 35.2mm
Tullakool..... 4.8mm 36.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,279 GL.....85 %
Hume.....2,675 GL.....89 %
Lake Victoria.....639 GL.....94 %
Menindee Lakes636 GL.....37 %
Total Storage.....7,229 GL.....78 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 15,953 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 14,701 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.... 1,741 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,094 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 230 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,071 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 5 gates open

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