



SAFETY FIRST

Learn to Swim program

Murray Irrigation has launched its annual Learn to Swim sponsorship program for this summer. Living with rivers, dams and irrigation channels as part of our everyday environment, water safety is a necessary skill for our children. Taking a proactive approach to water safety, the company sponsors learn to swim programs in schools and swimming clubs in its area of operation. More than 1,550 children participated in the program last season.

Interim board meeting

Murray Irrigation's interim board met last Wednesday (6 December). The meeting, held at Murray Irrigation's Finley office, included discussions between the board, local shareholder groups and community members. The board also discussed advocacy issues including the Murray-Darling Basin Plan's 650GL Sustainable Diversion Limit adjustment mechanism and the 450GL 'up-water' component. The interim board also received an update on the PIIOP Round 2 and 3 projects. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/TFs8Qq>.

New SRI Chair

Finley farmer Gabrielle Coupland was elected Chair of Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) at the organisation's AGM on Tuesday 5 December. Gabrielle replaces Graeme Pyle who had held the role since 2015.

Five-minute SRI survey

Murray Irrigation and Southern Riverina Irrigators are conducting a joint survey to provide the company's interim board with feedback that will help frame informed, robust discussions and their decision making. Complete the survey here: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/SyqQOeZbG>.

Allocation update due Friday

NSW Crown Lands and Water (formerly DPI Water) will release its next water allocation statement this Friday 15 December. Subscribe directly to the announcement here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

Interim resource assessment

NSW Crown Lands and Water conducted an indicative water resource assessment for the NSW Murray on Friday (8 December). The interim result is a likely general security improvement of at least two to four percent of entitlement. This will be formally confirmed and announced in line with the usual mid-month water allocation statement this Friday. View the full announcement here:

<https://goo.gl/wEiDmB>.

Four-day notice for water orders

With the weather warming up, customers are reminded that water orders need to be placed at least four days in advance. For assistance call Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Plan for early system closure

In 2018, there will be a major upgrade of structures along the Mulwala Canal. This work, which will involve over 200 contractors, is part of the PIIOP 3 automation project and needs to be completed before June 2019. The current proposal from the construction team requires the company to close the Mulwala Canal offtake on Monday 23 April in order to complete the major works.

Following customer feedback around both system closure and re-opening dates, a review of the project schedule is investigating options to minimise the impact on our customers. We will confirm the project dates next week. Customers who wish to discuss this further should call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Customer Support over Christmas

Customer Support staff will continue to service customers during the company's Christmas closure. All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed from 5.00pm Friday 22 December, re-opening 8.30am on Monday 8 January 2018. Water deliveries will be uninterrupted and the Water Exchange will be operating as normal. A special *Talking Water* describing Murray Irrigation's operations during this period will be released later this week.

Frogs in rice tour

The National Agricultural Productivity and Reconciliation Ecology Centre (NAPREC) is hosting a *Frogs in rice* field trip and workshop next Tuesday 19 December at the Deniliquin Golf Club from 1.30pm, followed by a bus trip at 4.00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and places are limited. To book, email admin@naprec.com.au or call M. 0414 960 785.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 39 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(12/12/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....43 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 354 GL
On-Farm Usage 270 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 8,551 ML
Price Range \$105 - \$350
Buy Offer \$95
Yesterday's Sales..... 645 ML
Price Range \$100 - \$105
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

05/12/17 - 11/12/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)...16; 3,585ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....16; 3,585ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 1,038ML (week) 229ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 8 GL (83%
on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,533	10,000
Wakool Canal	600	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

05/12/17 - 11/12/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.2mm 49.7mm
Tullakool..... 0.8mm 50.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,420 GL.....89 %
Hume.....2,329 GL.....77 %
Lake Victoria.....657 GL.....97 %
Menindee Lakes487 GL.....28 %
Total Storage.....6,893 GL.....74 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 12,130 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 11,948 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....4,851 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,800 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 563 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 17,086 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 17 gates open

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