

Talking Water

Tuesday 13 February 2018



Murray Irrigation

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Constitutional change meetings

The interim board of Murray Irrigation is proposing amendments to the company's constitution. The proposed amendments will be presented at a series of feedback meetings **starting today**. The amendments will then be put to shareholders for approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) next month. Other topics to be discussed include the blueprint for transition to Murray Irrigation's new board, election timetable and education of director candidates. Directors will be present at each of these meetings.

Details:

- Tuesday 13 February (today)
 - Pretty Pine Hall, 9.30am
 - Moulamein Bowling Club, 2.30pm
 - Wakool Services Club, 7.00pm
- Wednesday 14 February
 - Berrigan Football Club, 9.30am
 - Mayrung Hall, 2.30pm
 - Deniliquin Golf Club, 7.00pm
- Thursday 15 February
 - Bunnaloo Hall, 9.30am
 - Jerilderie Library, 2.30pm
 - Finley Bowling Club, 7.00pm

See last week's special *Talking Water* here: <https://goo.gl/x2afp8>.

System to close 1 May

The Mulwala Canal offtake will close on Monday 1 May to allow for a major upgrade of structures along the Mulwala Canal. The work will involve over 200 contractors and is part of the PIIOP 3 automation project. Customers should factor this closure date into their end of season planning. To discuss this further, call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement Thursday

NSW Crown Lands and Water will release its next water allocation statement on Thursday this week (15 February). Subscribe directly to the announcement here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

December payments due 23 February

Payment of second quarter (December 2017) invoices is due by 5.00pm Friday 23 February. For further information or assistance, contact Accounts Receivable via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

West Berriquin update

West Berriquin Irrigators Inc. is holding a branch meeting at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel from 7.00pm next Monday 19 February (nibbles from 6.30pm). Shelley Scoullar has taken leave as Chair. Andrew Crossley has stepped in as Acting Chair with Michael Clark Deputy Chair. For more information, contact Andrew Crossley on M. 0428 575 801.

Water resource management research

A team of researchers from the University of Newcastle and University of South Australia is working on a method to use satellite images and weather data to calculate irrigated volumes. The team is seeking historical irrigation data from any crop or land size for comparison. For more information, or to assist, contact David Bretreger on 0434 829 379 or david.bretreger@uon.edu.au.

Women in Rice event next week

Rice Extension is holding a *Women in Rice* event at Old Coree, Jerilderie on Thursday 22 February. The *Women in Rice* network aims to connect and empower rural women involved in rice farming. Women of all ranges of experience, knowledge and association of the rice industry are invited. For full details, see www.eventbrite.com.au/e/women-in-rice-tickets-42726973528, or call Leah Garnett on 0455 558 035.

Finley rice field walk

Rice Extension is holding a field walk at the Rice Research Finley site (1km north of Finley on the Newell Highway) from 3.30pm on Thursday 1 March. Topics include grain quality, maximising whole grain yield, legumes in rice, management of YRK5 and general rice issues.

Finley RGA branch meeting

The rice field walk will be followed by the Finley RGA branch meeting from 5.30pm at the Finley Football Grounds. For further information, contact Extension Officer Troy Mauger on 0417 375 168.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 49 %
Water resource distribution 8 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(13/02/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements 33 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 274 GL
On-farm usage 527 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale 10,767 ML
Price range \$110 - \$350
Buy offer \$107
Yesterday's sales 379 ML
Price range \$108 - \$110

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

06/02/18 – 12/02/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 30; 2,576ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 24; 2,174 ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 402ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 690ML (week) 17,019ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 22 GL (62% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,997	10,000
Wakool Canal	733	2,350
Escape flows	150	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

06/02/18 – 12/02/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 69.1mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 67.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth 3,433 GL 89 %
Hume 1,748 GL 58 %
Lake Victoria 438 GL 65 %
Menindee Lakes 343 GL 20 %
Total Storage 5,962 GL 64 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 12,719 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 8,513 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 2,365 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 357 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 47 ML/d
Flow to SA 9,446 ML/d
Murray to the sea 5 gates open

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