

Talking Water

Tuesday 13 March 2018



Murray Irrigation

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Blue-green algae alerts

WaterNSW has issued red alert warnings for blue-green algae in the Edward River at Deniliquin and the Gulpa Creek at Mathoura. Murray Irrigation has analysed a water sample from the Wakool Canal Offtake. There was no evidence of blue-green algae in the sample. Goulburn-Murray Water reports low levels of blue-green algae in samples from Lake Mulwala. For more information, see: <https://goo.gl/dYXrxZ>.

Good support for candidate days

Murray Irrigation's inaugural board candidate information sessions have been well supported with 22 people registering for the event. The sessions will run over two days in Deniliquin this Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 March, with a focus on the requirements of being a director and the qualities sought in leaders of the community. Those attending the sessions might be ideal future candidates, or just want to develop their leadership skills in general. The candidate information sessions have been fully supported by the five local landholder associations and Southern Riverina Irrigators.

EGM – Wednesday 4 April

Proposed changes to Murray Irrigation's constitution will be presented to shareholders for approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 April. The proposed changes reflect the feedback of close to one in five shareholders who provided their opinions in online and personal surveys last month; the results of which can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/pKFqFj>.

EGM information packs were posted to shareholders last week. Shareholder participation in the process of constitutional reform is critical. The EGM is the opportunity for shareholders to vote for a suite of changes to the company's constitution designed to create a stable, balanced Board structure that will underpin the strategic direction of the company.

EGM proxy voting

If you're unable to attend the EGM, you can appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote in your place. Proxy forms must be validly signed and received no later than 7.00pm on Monday 2 April 2018. An EGM registration card (proxy form) and reply-paid (stamped) envelope for the return of proxy form were both included in the information packs. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

EGM voting eligibility

To be eligible to vote at the EGM, all invoices up to and including December 2017 must be paid by no later than 7.00pm on Sunday 1 April 2018. Customers who are compliant with any individual payment arrangements will be considered financial. If paying by direct deposit, BPay or cheque, please allow sufficient time for funds to clear. For more information or assistance, contact Finance via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Water compliance prosecutions

WaterNSW has finalised lengthy investigations into water compliance matters and begun several prosecution proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court. The prosecutions announced last week include a property that was featured on the ABC's *Four Corners* program. For full details, visit: <https://goo.gl/ZWR5f5>.

Prepare for 1 May system closure

The Mulwala Canal offtake will close on Monday 1 May to allow PIIOP 3 works to commence. Customers should factor this closure date into their end of season planning. The system is expected to reopen early August. Full details will be communicated in an upcoming special *Talking Water*.

Soil management workshops

Western Murray Land Improvement Group and Rice Extension are holding two soil management workshops next week. The first will be at Michael Shannon's property 'Greta' (off Troy Rd, Wakool) from 2.30pm on Monday 19 March. The second event is being held at Steve and Linda Fawn's property 'Longford Park' (Moonee Swamp Road, Deniliquin) from 9.30am on Tuesday 20 March. Workshops will feature a soil pit demonstration and an interactive presentation on soil biology. For more information, contact Laura Kaylock on 0431 236 045.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(13/03/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 25 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 210 GL
On-farm usage 618 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 3,510 ML
Price range \$130 - \$179
Buy offer \$118
Yesterday's sales 2,068 ML
Price range \$123 - \$125
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

06/03/18 – 12/03/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 60; 6,956ML
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 23; 6,364ML
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 3; 592ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 15,665ML (week) 46,074ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 29 GL (35%
on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,908	10,000
Wakool Canal	918	2,350
Escape flows	918	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

06/03/18 – 12/03/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 57.2mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 59.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,425 GL 89 %
Hume 1,415 GL 47 %
Lake Victoria 342 GL 51 %
Menindee Lakes 301 GL 17 %
Total Storage 5,483 GL 59 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,208 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,872 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 2,855 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 263 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 28 ML/d
Flow to SA 6,254 ML/d
Murray to the sea 9 gates open

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