



SAFETY FIRST

Quad bike safety rebate

SafeWork NSW is offering two rebates worth up to \$1,000 each towards the purchase of compliant helmets, Operator Protective Devices and the purchase of safer side-by-side vehicles. To find out more about your eligibility or to access the application form, visit: <https://goo.gl/P3ixcm>.

Independent directors

Independent directors Patrick Largier, Don Marples and Claire Filson have joined member directors Phil Snowden, Waander Van Beek, Ryan Gleeson, Noel Baxter and Steven Fawns, on the Murray Irrigation board, which held its first meeting in Deniliquin on Thursday 7 June. The board elected Phil Snowden and Claire Filson as chair and deputy chair respectively. For more information see: <https://goo.gl/6Yj1PY>.

Upgraded Water Exchange

The company is upgrading the Water Exchange platform to automate trading and make it easier to use. The new platform will be launched later this year.

In preparation for this upgrade, there will be changes to the trading terms and a new fee structure from 1 July 2018. More information on this will be released in next week's edition of *Talking Water*.

The upgraded Water Exchange is linked with the upgrade of Murray Irrigation's public website which is also being refreshed. The updated website will be launched in July.

Winter Works update

Murray Irrigation's PIIOP 3 major regulator program is progressing well, with the team aiming to complete major concrete pours by the end of next week. Mechanical gate installations also commenced this week with new stainless steel gates fitted to the Lawson Syphon. Contractor numbers are expected to increase over the next two weeks to facilitate mechanical and electrical works. View a map of the PIIOP 3 Winter Works sites here: <https://goo.gl/rPorXH>.

Site surveying

Subcontractors have started surveying a number of locations in preparation for 2019 PIIOP 3 Winter Works and may be

accessing channels on private properties. If you have any concerns, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Record month for MILCast

MILCast has achieved a record production result for the fourth month in a row following the introduction of new equipment, the adoption of new production techniques and a new organisational structure. View the MILCast product range here: <https://goo.gl/JecivJ>.

Trade closure dates

The dates for the close of external and internal annual trade for the 2017/18 season are:

- **5.00pm Monday 18 June**
 - Water Exchange closes for water trading and annual delivery entitlements.
 - Last day for internal transfer, purchase and payment of annual delivery entitlements to avoid casual usage charge.
- **5.00pm Thursday 21 June**
 - Last day to submit external transfers (MLs) to/from Murray Irrigation.
- **Midnight Sunday 24 June**
 - Internal annual transfers close.
 - Customer portal access to water accounts closes.

For further information, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265 or see: <https://goo.gl/qVyEoj>.

Business and technology forums

Rice Extension is hosting two business and technology forums this week:

- Deniliquin Golf Club from 9am to 3.30pm **today** (Wednesday 13 June)
- Club Barham from 9am to 3.30pm on Thursday 14 June

For more information call Erika Heffer (Deniliquin) on 0438 719 628 or Laura Kaylock (Barham) on 0431 236 045.

Young Farmer Business Program

The Young Farmer Business Project is holding a free *Getting Started - Bank Ready* workshop at the Wakool Services Club at 6.00pm on Wednesday 20 June. This workshop will teach young farmers and growers how to be *Bank Ready* when it comes to entering and/or expanding their agricultural business. For more information or to register visit: <https://goo.gl/FtD6qj>.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 51 %
Water resource distribution 8 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(13/06/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 16 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 136 GL
On-farm usage 792 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 1,497 ML
Price range \$194 - \$600
Buy offer \$172
Yesterday's sales 707 ML
Price range \$170 - \$171
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

06/06/18 – 12/06/18
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....9; 1,036ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....23; 1,036ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 2,074ML (week) 67,523ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Oftakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

06/06/18 – 12/06/18 Rain Evap
Finley 18.2mm 11.9mm
Tullakool 19.6mm 10.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,400 GL 88 %
Hume 1,158 GL 39 %
Lake Victoria 341 GL 50 %
Menindee Lakes 212 GL 12 %
Total Storage 5,111 GL 55 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 2,509 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 4,197 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 951 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 432 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 78 ML/d
Flow to SA 3,832 ML/d
Murray to the sea 2 gates open

This information is provided for general reference purposes only. Murray Irrigation takes best endeavours to ensure accuracy. It is collated at 8.00am Tuesdays and is subject to change.