



SAFETY FIRST

Preparing for grass fires

With temperatures expected to exceed 40°C today, the NSW Rural Fire Service is reminding farmers to prepare for possible grass fires. Grass fires can threaten quickly. It is vital that you have a plan so you and your family know what to do if a grass fire is close by. If you see an unattended grass fire, or if your life is in danger, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. Follow your survival plan. Your safest option is to leave early. For full details on how best to prepare for the fire season, visit: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/grassfires/farming.

Customer meetings start today

As part of Murray Irrigation's commitment to effective customer engagement, we will be hosting a series of customer meetings this week to update customers on key issues and associated activities.

The meetings will be held as follows:

- Today, Tuesday 17 January – **Blighty** Recreation Reserve, 12.00pm.
- Tonight, Tuesday 17 January – **Berrigan** Sportsground, 6.00pm.
- Wednesday 18 January – **Pretty Pine** Recreation Reserve, 12.00pm.
- Wednesday 18 January – **Wakool** Services Club, 6.00pm.

Resource distribution processed

The water resource distribution, announced last month, has now been processed and should be visible in customer accounts. The resource distribution of three percent allocation was issued against delivery entitlements on Friday (for those who have paid all outstanding accounts). For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Plan ahead when ordering water

Due to the hot weather and increased demand, customers should remain vigilant to avoid possible delays in water delivery. Please ensure you place your orders well in advance. A minimum of four days' notice is required to guarantee delivery.

Rice growers are also reminded that with rice crops approaching the panicle initiation (PI) stage, please be aware of your outlet(s) finish time(s). Customers can set

up order end date notifications via SMS for both four days and one day. For assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

September quarter accounts

Invoices for the September 2016 quarter are now out of terms. As per Murray Irrigation's Debt Management Procedure, interest will now accrue on these charges. Customers are reminded that when making payments via direct deposit, please use your seven-digit customer number as a reference to avoid any issues with allocation of payment. For any queries regarding your account, including your account balance, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

PIIOP Round 2

Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Round 2 is scheduled for completion by October this year. The project team has been working hard to ensure the project will be delivered on time and on budget, with the consultation process expected to conclude in March 2017. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Steve Whan new NIC CEO

National Irrigators' Council (NIC) has welcomed the appointment of former NSW Primary Industries Minister Steve Whan as its new CEO. Mr Whan brings extensive experience in the area of government, policy and advocacy. He spent 12 years in NSW Parliament, including periods as Minister for Primary Industries, Emergency Services and Rural Affairs, and Opposition spokesperson for Rural Water. Mr Whan will start formally with NIC on Tuesday 24 January. He replaces Tom Chesson.

Rice Extension crop walk Thursday

Rice Extension invites all rice growers to a crop walk from 3.00pm this Thursday 19 January at China Gibson's property, near Moulamein. The farm is 3km from Moulamein on the Hay Road. The walk will include a check of the new variety YRK5 compared to Reiziq, followed by an inspection of an Opus crop sown directly into a barley stubble at the Gray's farm (also on the Hay Road). Discussions will conclude at the Moulamein Bowling Club before the commencement of the Wakool RGA branch meeting at 5.00pm. The evening will conclude with a barbecue. For details, contact Troy Mauger (Rice Extension) on M. 0417 375 168.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 100 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(17/01/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 70 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 548 GL
On-Farm Usage 406 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 22,375 ML
Price Range \$64 - \$250
Buy Offer \$50
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,610 ML
Price \$60 - \$66

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

10/01/17 – 16/01/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 17; 4,261ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 22; 3,966ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 2; 295ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... 201ML(week)..... -9,998ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm..... 39GL (55% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,774	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,591	2,350
Escape flows	1,100	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

10/01/17 – 16/01/17 Rain Evap
Finley 6.1mm 48.3mm
Tullakool..... 5.8mm 56.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth..... 3,019 GL..... 78 %
Hume..... 2,652 GL..... 88 %
Lake Victoria..... 551 GL..... 81 %
Menindee Lakes 1,445 GL..... 84 %
Active Storage..... 7,667 GL..... 83 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 11,715 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,675 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 2,408 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 387 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 2,531 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 16,083 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 21 gates open

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