



## SAFETY FIRST

### Chemical applications course

A fully-subsidised chemical applications course for cotton and grain growers will be held at Deniliquin TAFE on 21 and 22 June. The *AQF3 Chemical Certification* course is being run by AgSkilled, a NSW Government-funded vocational training program for the cotton and grains industry. For more information, contact Kim Barry 03 5882 2046.

### Murray Irrigation going to the polls

Murray Irrigation will conduct a ballot to fill three of the five member director positions on the company's restructured Board. The ballot will open on Friday 27 April and close on Monday 28 May. Candidate nominations are expected to be announced on Friday 20 April after the company conducts standard ASIC checks such as bankruptcy, director eligibility, criminal record and other routine due diligence measures and after candidates get the opportunity to consider their roles and responsibilities and agree with the *Directors Code of Conduct*.

The membership of the board, which is expected to be finalised in June, will comprise five member directors and three independent directors. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/iewAiY>.

### Farmer Exchange launch

A new 'Farmer Exchange' will be launched in Deniliquin tomorrow (Wednesday 18 April). The Farmer Exchange, developed by Farm Table, is an online agricultural community where Aussie primary producers can connect in a safe farmer-to-farmer network. The free event will be held at The Crossing Café in Deniliquin from 6.15pm. Murray Irrigation's involvement is part of the company's commitment to support the development of expertise and leadership in its operational footprint. To register: <https://goo.gl/Zv7zav>.

### System to close 1 May

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes will close at 8am on Tuesday 1 May to commence major off-season works that will complete the company's modernisation journey and improve our delivery efficiency. Customers should place water orders for the remainder of this season early (including filling dams for stock and domestic purposes).

### Season closure and water orders

All water orders must be placed by 6.30am on 23 April to guarantee supply up to 1 May. After 23 April, the water ordering system will not accept orders. Channel levels are already being drawn down in areas without water orders in the system. Customers wishing to discuss their requirements should contact Customer Support immediately on 1300 138 265. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/8ahDaj>.

### No off-allocation this season

There will be no off-allocation deliveries this season. Murray Irrigation intends to retain maximum water in the system to deliver water to customers promptly when the 2018/19 season opens in August.

### No allocation increase

Department of Industry – Water (DPI Water) announced yesterday that general security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at 51 percent. See: <https://goo.gl/HhpiQw>. The next allocation update is due Tuesday 15 May. Subscribe directly to DPI announcements here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

### Indicative allocations for 1 July

DPI Water has indicated that general security allocation is likely to commence at zero percent of entitlement on 1 July, unless there is rainfall and storage improvement before the end of this water year. This preliminary outlook is based on assumed 'very dry' (95th percentile) inflows for the remainder of the water year - meaning that 95 years in 100 will provide more water than this outlook. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/HhpiQw>.

### March inflows summary

River Murray system inflows for March totalled about 60GL, which is well below the month's long-term median of 150GL. In comparison with the historical record since 1891, only about four percent of previous monthly totals for March have been lower than the inflows observed in March 2018.

### Heywire youth innovation grants

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and its donor partners are offering \$10,000 in 'Heywire' youth innovation grants to community organisations to make their ideas a reality. Ideas include mental health, indigenous culture, farming opportunities for new Australians, domestic violence and access to health care. Applications close 16 May. For more information visit: [www.abc.net.au/heywire/grants](http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/grants).

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(17/04/18)  
Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 19 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 155 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 733 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for sale ..... 4,246 ML  
Price range ..... \$146 - \$179  
Buy offer ..... \$135  
Yesterday's sales ..... 1,885 ML  
Price range ..... \$140 - \$145  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

10/04/18 – 16/04/18

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 66; 5,836ML  
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 38; 3,773ML  
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 2; 2,063ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 2,524ML (week) 57,948ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 21 GL (61%  
on annual pasture)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,542	10,000
Wakool Canal	693	2,350
Escape flows	693	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

10/04/18 – 16/04/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.2mm ..... 46.2mm  
Tullakool ..... 1.8mm ..... 45.1mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,420 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 1,026 GL ..... 34 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 206 GL ..... 30 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 245 GL ..... 14 %  
Total Storage ..... 4,897 GL ..... 53 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,584 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,550 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,624 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 230 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 65 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 6,108 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 3 gates open

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