

# Talking Water

Tuesday 20 February 2018



Murray Irrigation

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## Basin Plan amendments 'disallowed'

The NSW and Victorian Ministers for Water have threatened to walk away from the Murray Darling Basin Plan following last week's disappointing news out of Canberra. The Senate voted on Wednesday to block changes to the plan, which would have reduced the amount of water being returned to the environment in southern Queensland and northern NSW.

NSW Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Water Niall Blair said the Basin Plan has now been hijacked by the Greens and Labor. View his full statement here: <https://goo.gl/M4rmdc>.

Murray Irrigation believes Minister Blair and Victorian Water Minister Lisa Neville have every reason to feel betrayed and disillusioned by the decision. To view the company's full statement, see: <https://goo.gl/Y98ggy>.

## Constitutional change meetings

Thank you to those shareholders who provided feedback on the interim board's proposed amendments to the company's constitution. The online survey has now closed. Results from the survey will be collated and a report prepared for the board. Details of an Extraordinary General Meeting will be communicated with shareholders in coming weeks.

## Prepare for system closure – 1 May

After considerable consultation, 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. A system re-opening date will be announced after works commence. To discuss this further, call 1300 138 265.

## No allocation increase

NSW Crown Lands and Water general security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at 49 percent. See: <https://goo.gl/KVFrzp>. The next allocation update is due Thursday 15 March.

## December payments due Friday

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

## Irrigation study tour to New Zealand

Irrigation Australia is seeking expressions of interest for an irrigation study tour to New Zealand which will culminate at the Irrigation NZ Conference and Exhibition in April. If you are interested in this study tour, contact Chris Delphin at Irrigation Australia on 02 8335 4000.

## NSW Farmers tertiary scholarships

Five \$4000 scholarships are on offer from the NSW Farmers Association for eligible students committed to enhancing agriculture and rural communities. Applications close Monday 5 March 2018. For more information, visit: [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au).

## Women in Rice event Thursday

Rice Extension is holding a *Women in Rice* event at Old Coree, Jerilderie this 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 with the rice industry are invited. For full details, see [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/women-in-rice-tickets-42726973528](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/women-in-rice-tickets-42726973528), or call Leah Garnett on 0455 558 035.

## Denibootea landholders meeting

Denibootea Landholders' Association is holding a branch meeting at the Bunnaloo Hall from 9am next Monday 26 February. For more information contact Chair Alastair Starritt on 0429 965 357.

## Denimein landholders meeting

Denimein Landholders' Association is holding a branch meeting at the Pretty Pine Hotel from 6pm next Monday 26 February. For more information contact Chair Josh Small on 0427 889 367.

## Finley field walk and branch meeting

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. 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

(20/02/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 31 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 258 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 551 GL

## Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale ..... 10,861 ML  
Price range ..... \$111 - \$350  
Buy offer ..... \$107  
Yesterday's sales ..... 1,129 ML  
Price range ..... \$107 - \$113

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

## Water use and trade data

13/02/18 – 19/02/18

### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....57; 5,969ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....35; 4,841ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 1,128ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 2,240ML (week) 19,259ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 24 GL (42% on rice)

## Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,985	10,000
Wakool Canal	688	2,350
Escape flows	150	3,250

## Rainfall and evaporation

132/02/18 – 19/02/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 61.1mm  
Tullakool ..... 3.6mm ..... 59.5mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth ..... 3,432 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 1,677 GL ..... 56 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 407 GL ..... 60 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 332 GL ..... 19 %  
Total Storage ..... 5,848 GL ..... 63 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 12,371 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 7,728 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,007 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 302 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 42 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 7,273 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 4 gates open

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