



SAFETY FIRST

Mosquito virus warning

A record number of mosquito-borne viruses have been detected in NSW, according to health authorities. Ross River and Barmah Forest Fever have both been present in the district since floods in October and November 2016. Other strains reported locally include Kunjin arbovirus and the Sindbis virus.

The best way to avoid infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. For more information, and simple steps to avoid mosquito bites, visit:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/pages/20161223_00.aspx

AgQ - agricultural trivia night

An agricultural-themed trivia night will be held at The Crossing Café in Deniliquin on Friday 17 March. 'AgQ' is being organised by a number of community organisations – including Murray Irrigation – and will focus on engaging the next generation of farmers and industry professionals. The not-for-profit event will provide young farmers with an opportunity to network with others who share an interest in agriculture and irrigation.

Well-known comedian Elliott Goblet will host the night. Five trivia rounds will incorporate agriculture-based knowledge, as well as a range of general trivia questions. There will also be brief presentations on industry-related fields which will link directly to the trivia.

Tickets to AgQ are limited. Attendees can book a table of 10, or purchase individual tickets to join a mix and match table, via: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/agq-trivia-night-tickets-32176326258. For more information, or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 1348 265.

System maintenance rescheduled

The maintenance of Murray irrigation's *Water ordering* system originally planned for today has been rescheduled to next week. An exact time and date will be confirmed with customers. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Invoices due 10 March

Customers are reminded that December 2016 quarter invoices are due by 5.00pm Friday 10 March. Please check your invoice, and if you have any queries, contact Customer Support prior to the due date. If you are aware of out of terms charges on your account, contact Murray Irrigation to discuss. Customers are encouraged to maintain communication with Murray Irrigation to ensure a resolution can be met and prevent further collection on these charges.

Reconfigurations program update

Murray Irrigation's Reconfigurations Program (under PIOP Round 2) is currently 25 percent complete and forecast for completion in October 2017. In terms of progress, approximately 68km of earthen channels have been decommissioned or transferred to customer ownership to date. The Reconfigurations Program involves upgrading and relocating supply points so customers can remain connected to the channel system at an alternate supply point. It aims to generate conveyance savings which will benefit both Murray Irrigation and its customers. PIOP consultation will conclude at the end of March 2017. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Fox baiting starts today

Murray Local Land Services (LLS) is coordinating a fox baiting program for autumn. Customers with dogs are advised to be mindful of potential baiting in their area. Fox bait distribution days will be held around the district from today. For full details and dates, contact Murray LLS. Baits will also be available at the Murray LLS Deniliquin Office, Hay Road. To order baits, call T. 03 5881 1055, or email land.murray@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Southern Growers livestock meetings

Southern Growers is holding a **beef group meeting** at the Finley RS Club from 2.30pm today, Tuesday 21 February. Tim Hollier will talk about marketing options to best sell cattle at a maximum profit.

A sheep group meeting will be held from 9.00am tomorrow, Wednesday 22 February. It will be held at Colin Bryce's property 'Carwindra' near Jerilderie. For more information on either event, contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(21/02/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 60 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 477 GL
On-Farm Usage 565 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 15,585 ML
Price Range \$38 - \$250
Buy Offer \$33
Yesterday's Sales.....1,191 ML
Price Range \$36 - \$38

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

14/02/17 – 20/02/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....43; 6,513ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....18; 5,014ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 1,499ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade...2,605ML(week)...-8,241ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....24GL (57% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,611	10,000
Wakool Canal	932	2,350
Escape flows	300	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

14/02/17 – 20/02/17 Rain Evap
Tullakool.....3.8mm 42.9mm
Tullakool.....1.0mm 52.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,998 GL.....78 %
Hume.....2,375 GL.....79 %
Lake Victoria.....453 GL.....67 %
Menindee Lakes1,131 GL.....65 %
Total Storage.....6,957 GL.....75 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 14,750 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 10,323 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,169 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 2,065 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 3,426 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,299 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 4 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.