

Talking Water

Tuesday 23 January 2018



Murray Irrigation

Talking Water audio format

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SAFETY FIRST

Total fire ban

With extreme heat forecast for the next week, it's vital to check fire danger ratings in your area before lighting any fires (even if you have a fire permit). You can find out the latest information on fire danger ratings and fire bans here: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans.

PIIOP 3 early works

A PIIOP 3 early works program will commence on 5 February 2018. These works will support Murray Irrigation's major regulator upgrade program (PIIOP 3), scheduled for the 2018 irrigation off season (May to July) and will consist of wet weather access tracks for all sites along the Mulwala Canal, site establishment and laydown areas, plus installation of temporary fencing and signage. These works will be performed by Murray Irrigation maintenance work crews.

6.30am deadline for order changes

Changes to water orders affecting the current day must be made before 6.30am. Daily planning occurs at 6.30am, which finalises customers' water requirements. Please send a message using the *Water ordering* system (prior to 6.30am) if you are unable to alter your water order.

Customers should ensure that water orders are placed at least four days in advance to guarantee delivery. For assistance contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Maintaining positive water balance

Customers are reminded to monitor their water usage in order to maintain a positive balance in their water accounts. When an account balance reaches zero, all operating outlets will be finished by Murray Irrigation and a four-day wait for start orders may apply once the account is returned to a positive water balance.

Customers can nominate to receive SMS or email notifications that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance. For more information, or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Shop for MILCast products online

MILCast recently updated its full product range on its website. You can now view product features (detailed through shop drawings), product specifications, prices and product images here: www.milcast.com.au/products.

Need assistance to find the best solution for you? Call the MILCast team on 03 5888 3051.

Murrumbidgee IVT account status

The Murrumbidgee inter-valley trade (IVT) account from Murray to Murrumbidgee is currently closed. The IVT account balance is updated at 9.00am each business day on the WaterNSW website: <https://goo.gl/95bRio>.

Murray Irrigation on Twitter

Murray Irrigation is now on Twitter. Follow us and you'll receive real-time updates, short and sharp company announcements and the latest industry-related news. Follow Murray Irrigation's official account @irrigation_news here: https://twitter.com/irrigation_news. Not a Twitter user? Learn how here: <https://help.twitter.com/en/twitter-guide>.

Customer Support on Australia Day

Customer Support staff will continue to operate as normal on Australia Day (this Friday 26 January). Water deliveries will be uninterrupted and the Water Exchange will be operating as normal. Offices will be closed from 5pm Thursday and reopen at 8.30am Monday 29 January.

Payment of water sales

Payment of this week's water sales will be made on Thursday 25 January due to the Australia Day celebrations. Water sales from this Thursday will be processed next Friday 2 February.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 49 %
Water resource distribution 8 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(23/01/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 42 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 341 GL
On-farm usage 460 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 9,855 ML
Price range \$112 - \$350
Buy offer \$106
Yesterday's sales 1,316 ML
Price range \$105 - \$113
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

16/01/18 – 22/01/18
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 31; 4,424ML
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 33; 4,372ML
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 1; 52ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 1,236ML (week) 14,639ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm 34 GL (67% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,616	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,208	2,350
Escape flows	800	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

16/01/18 – 22/01/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 75.0mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 77.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,436 GL 89 %
Hume 1,911 GL 64 %
Lake Victoria 567 GL 84 %
Menindee Lakes 387 GL 22 %
Total Storage 6,301 GL 68 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 14,926 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,108 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,360 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 242 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 42 ML/d
Flow to SA 6,582 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.