



## SAFETY FIRST

### Classification of chemicals

A Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS) has been introduced in Australia. The GHS states that after 1 January 2017 Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and labels must be GHS compliant. This is a United Nations effort to internationally standardise chemical classification, labelling and safety data sheets (SDS) in the workplace. Find out more about the GHS here:

[http://www.comcare.gov.au/preventing/hazards/chemical\\_hazards](http://www.comcare.gov.au/preventing/hazards/chemical_hazards).

### Landholder update from the Board

Following a meeting of the Murray Irrigation Board of Directors on Thursday 18 May, the Board distributed a landholder update on Friday 19 May. The update is available on our website here:

[www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/chairmans-report/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/chairmans-report/).

### Water allocation accounts

Customers are encouraged to consider their water allocation accounts (both volume and usage) prior to the end of the 2016/17 irrigation season. As accounts can only carryover up to 50 percent of their Class C water entitlements, customers need to balance any remaining allocation volume to avoid forfeiting volume exceeding the 50 percent limit. For further information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Closure dates for trade

Customers are advised that internal and external trade for the 2016/17 season closes on the following dates:

- **External trade** (Murrumbidgee, Murray and Lower Darling (to or from Murray Irrigation)) – forms must be received by Murray Irrigation before **5.00pm Tuesday 30 May**.
- Murray Water Exchange facility for Western Murray Irrigation closes **5.00pm Monday 29 May**.
- Murray Water Exchange closes **5.00pm Friday 2 June**.
- Internal Annual Transfers close **5.00pm Friday 9 June**.

For further information, please contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### Water usage - Casual Usage Fee

To prevent incurring the Casual Usage Fee, customers are encouraged to review their water usage for the season to ensure they have enough annual delivery entitlements. The last day to purchase annual delivery entitlements is **Friday 2 June**. For further information or assistance, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Invoices due 31 May

Customers should have received their March 2017 quarter invoices. If you have any queries regarding the charges on your invoice, please contact Murray Irrigation prior to Wednesday 31 May (as the discount date is unable to be extended). If you would like to alter the delivery method of your invoice, or if any of the contact details are incorrect, please amend these via a 'Form 2', available on our website, or by contacting Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Murray LLS elections

Voting for the Murray Local Land Services board closes 5.00pm Wednesday 31 May. Eight people have nominated for the three board positions, including Daryll Morris (Finley), Gabrielle Coupland (Logie Brae), Ken Crossley (Deniliquin), Norm McAllister (Mayrung), Colin Bull (Conargo), Samuel Marwood (Albury), Kim Stewart (Mullengandra), Hugh Watson (Table Top). For more information, visit: [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/about/board-of-chairs/elections](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/about/board-of-chairs/elections).

### MILo moves to Shoalhaven

Murray Irrigation's sponsored Bittern, MILo has spread his wings and flown. Tracking from his electronic tag shows that the bird left the Mayrung area in the first week of May and is currently enjoying life in a wetland near the mouth of the Shoalhaven River. MILo was sponsored as part of the Bitterns in Rice project carried out by Ricegrowers' Association of Australia and Birdlife Australia. For full details, visit: <https://www.bitternsinrice.com.au/>.

### National Carp Control Plan website

The Australian Government's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation has launched a new website for its National Carp Control Plan (NCCP): <http://carp.gov.au/>. The NCCP is being prepared to explore the possible release of a species-specific carp virus. The new website includes information about the program and updates on progress.

**Michael Renehan, CEO**

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(23/05/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....35 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 300 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 806 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 12,720 ML  
Price Range ..... \$14 - \$125  
Buy Offer ..... \$8  
Yesterday's Sales..... 3,628 ML  
Price Range ..... \$8 - \$15

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

16/05/17 – 22/05/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...39; 7,582ML  
External buyers (No. & ML)...1; 1,046ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...59; 8,583ML  
External sellers (No. & ML)...1; 45ML

#### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade... -286ML (week)... 1,140ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

Oftakes are now closed.

### Rainfall and evaporation

16/05/17 – 22/05/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 24.9mm ..... 9.1mm  
Tullakool..... 43.4mm ..... 12.4mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,004 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....1,923 GL.....64 %  
Lake Victoria.....389 GL.....57 %  
Menindee Lakes .....791 GL.....46 %  
Total Storage.....6,107 GL.....66 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 1,934 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 3,455 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 978 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 432 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 346 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 7,119 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 34 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.*