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Fatigue prevention

WorkSafe Victoria has released a handbook to assist prevent fatigue in the workplace. The publication is designed to assist people with duties under occupational health and safety laws comply with those laws in relation to fatigue in the workplace. The guide provides advice that is generally applicable to any workplace within NSW and Victoria where fatigue is a health and safety issue. To view the handbook, visit:

www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/9197/vwa_fatigue_handbook.pdf

Info from customer meetings

Information that was presented at last week's series of customer meetings is now available on our website. This includes a customer consultation fact sheet, major projects update (PIIOP Round 2 and 3), draft resource management policy and 'strategic response to drivers' information sheet. To view these documents, see the 'Current activities' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/special/current-activities/. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Major projects update

Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) Round 3 is currently preparing concept designs for its sub-projects and proposed winter works on the Berrigan Canal. According to the agreement with the Murray Irrigation Board and the Commonwealth, each sub-project will be comprehensively designed and approved by the Murray Irrigation Board before proceeding to ensure real water savings can be achieved and costs are contained. For more information, view the latest PIIOP flyer here:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/27301/2017%2001%20PIIOP%20update%20customer%20meetings%20FINAL.pdf

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 reaches a zero balance, all 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 T. 1300 138 265.

Passing of former Director

Murray Irrigation Directors and staff send their condolences to the Rourke family, following the passing of John K Rourke. Mr Rourke was a member of the Murray Irrigation Advisory Board from 1987 to 1992 and was instrumental in the push for privatisation in 1995. A funeral service for Mr Rourke will be held at Glenleigh Chapel in Deniliquin from 2.30pm tomorrow, Wednesday 25 January.

West Berriquin branch meeting

The West Berriquin Irrigators' Council branch meeting has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Thursday 16 February, starting with a tour of the Deniliquin Rice Mill at 9.00am. RSVPs are essential due to safety requirements at the rice mill. To confirm your attendance, contact Linda Fawns via M. 0409 044 754 or E. westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com.

West Berriquin survey

West Berriquin Irrigators' Council is asking its landholders to complete a short survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJD3732. For more information, contact Shelley Scoullar on M. 0414 960 785, or E. westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com.

RGA tertiary scholarships open

Applications for the 2017 Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000) and Peter Connor Book Award (\$3,000) close Friday 3 February. These scholarships are co-sponsored by RGA, SunRice and Rice Research Australia and aim to support the agricultural education of members of the RGA, or their family. The eligibility criteria and application forms can be found here: www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx. For further information, contact RGA on T. 02 6953 0433.

Australia Day office closure

All Murray Irrigation customer centres will be closed this Thursday 26 January for the Australia Day public holiday. Offices will reopen at 8.30am Friday 27 January. Water deliveries are not affected, with Channel Attendants and Customer Support staff working as normal.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(24/01/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 67 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 529 GL
On-Farm Usage 440 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 22,147 ML
Price Range \$55 - \$250
Buy Offer \$45
Yesterday's Sales..... 882 ML
Price \$50 - \$55

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

17/01/17 – 23/01/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 30; 5,712ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 17; 5,358ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 354ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade..... 547ML(week)..... -9,451ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 36GL (58% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,261	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,431	2,350
Escape flows	1,000	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

17/01/17 – 23/01/17 Rain Evap
Finley 22.9mm 59.5mm
Tullakool..... 12.4mm 68.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth..... 3,021 GL..... 78 %
Hume..... 2,617 GL..... 87 %
Lake Victoria..... 518 GL..... 76 %
Menindee Lakes 1,387 GL..... 80 %
Active Storage..... 7,543 GL..... 81 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 13,550 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,903 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,599 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 436 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 4,479 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 13,314 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 22 gates open

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