



## SAFETY FIRST

### Quad bike safety course

Tocal College, in partnership with SafeWork NSW, is offering subsidised quad bike training to eligible farmers and their workers. The free one-day course helps farmers implement quad bike safety measures on farms. To register interest, contact Kim Griffiths at Tocal College on 02 4939 8881 or email [kim.griffiths@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kim.griffiths@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

### Large field for director elections

Seven candidates will contest the company's board ballot which opens this Friday 27 April. The candidates (in ballot order) are:

- Ted Hatty
- Ryan Gleeson
- Noel Graham
- Steven Fawns
- Louis Kelly
- Noel Baxter
- John Bradford

The company has conducted standard ASIC checks and routine due diligence on each candidate. Candidates have also been briefed on their roles and responsibilities as directors and have signed up to the Directors' Code of Conduct. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/fyxqwg>.

### Ballot voting eligibility

The director ballot opens this Friday 27 April and closes on Monday 28 May. Ballot papers will be mailed to shareholders on Friday.

### To be eligible to vote, shareholders must have paid all outstanding accounts by 5.00pm today (Tuesday 24 April).

Customers who are compliant with any individual payment arrangements will be considered financial.

The ballot is being contested to fill three of the five member director positions on the company's restructured board. The membership of the board, which is expected to be finalised in June, will comprise five member directors and three independent directors. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### Preparation for system closure

Murray Irrigation has established a specialist response team to answer queries about the early system shutdown. The Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes will close at 8am on Tuesday 1 May for major upgrades to structures along the Mulwala Canal under PIIOP 3 automation works.

**Current status:** the water ordering system is no longer accepting new orders and channel levels are being drawn down in areas where works are required. Customers can contact the specialist response team on 1300 138 265 if they have any concerns. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/dn2JQe>.

### Opportunistic access after 1 May

Any deliveries after 1 May will be opportunistic only. There will be no off-allocation deliveries this season. Murray Irrigation intends to retain maximum water in the system to deliver water to customers promptly when the 2018/19 season opens in August. We will ensure water is offered to customers before releasing water from escapes.

### Customer Support on ANZAC Day

Customer Support staff will operate throughout ANZAC Day (tomorrow); water deliveries will be uninterrupted and the Water Exchange will be open for business. The rest of the business will observe the ANZAC Day public holiday and open as usual at 8.30am on Thursday 26 April. For more information, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### No rice stubble burning tomorrow

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) is encouraging rice farmers not to burn stubble during the ANZAC Day public holiday tomorrow. "We need to support our regional communities and ensure that... community activities (are held) under the best possible conditions," the RGA said in a media statement: <https://goo.gl/AuXJpZ>.

### RGA leadership course

Applications for the RGA's *Foundations of Leadership Course* close Friday 11 May. This course, which is part of the Rice Industry Leadership Program 2018-2020, has been developed by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, in conjunction with the RGA. For full details, including how to apply, visit: <http://www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx>.

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 51 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 8 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(24/04/18)  
Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 14 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 118 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 758 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for sale ..... 1,535 ML  
Price range ..... \$177 - \$250  
Buy offer ..... \$150  
Yesterday's sales ..... 150 ML  
Price range ..... \$175 - \$185  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

17/04/18 – 23/04/18  
**Murray Water Exchange activity**  
Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 77; 7,070ML  
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 63; 5,791ML  
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 5; 1,279ML

**Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)**  
Net trade 5,763ML (week) 63,711ML (YTD)

### Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm ..... 24 GL (61%  
on annual pasture)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,674	10,000
Wakool Canal	761	2,350
Escape flows	761	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

17/04/18 – 23/04/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 28.1mm  
Tullakool ..... 0.0mm ..... 26.9mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,414 GL ..... 89 %  
Hume ..... 976 GL ..... 32 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 199 GL ..... 29 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 239 GL ..... 14 %  
Total Storage ..... 4,828 GL ..... 52 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 15,984 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 8,812 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 2,169 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 255 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 58 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 5,589 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 3 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.