



SAFETY FIRST

Farm safety infographic

Did you know that in 2015/16, the agriculture industry made up 2.3 percent of the national workforce, yet it accounted for 23 percent of worker fatalities? Between 2005 and 2015, an average of 41 workers lost their lives in the agriculture industry each year, and 3,015 serious claims were made. Safe Work Australia explains more in its new infographic on work health and safety in agriculture, available here:

www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/infographic-work-health-and-safety-agriculture.

Offtakes to open Monday 31 July

Murray Irrigation will open both the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Main Canal offtakes on Monday 31 July for channel filling purposes. We will be conducting a modified filling procedure to allow for the completion of PIOP Winter Works. This will mean a longer filling period than normal. If customer demand were to increase, or supplementary water access was announced, Murray Irrigation would be in a good position to accelerate channel filling.

Indicate watering intentions

Customers should indicate their intentions for diverting irrigation water by placing orders in the *Water ordering* system with as much advanced notice as possible. Alternatively, customers can contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 to discuss their requirements.

Contacting Murray Irrigation

As Murray Irrigation progresses towards automation, we have streamlined the way we interact with our customers. The Customer Support team has been established to provide a consistent, accessible and responsive frontline service. All enquiries (including water delivery) should now be directed to Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265. In most cases where automation has occurred, Channel Attendant mobile numbers have been diverted to Customer Support.

Allocation update Tuesday

DPI Water's next allocation statement is due Tuesday 1 August. Murray Irrigation will pass this information on to registered customers shortly thereafter.

SMS service

Murray Irrigation offers an SMS service for allocation announcements and order start and end alerts. To subscribe, log in to your *Water ordering* account and click on 'User options' then 'Communication Settings'. Need help? Contact Customer Support T. 1300 138 265.

Contact details

The Customer Support team is currently reviewing customer contact details to ensure our systems are up-to-date. All customers will receive a phone call from Murray Irrigation in the near future. This is a great opportunity to discuss the way you receive information and communications from the company.

Outstanding charges

Customers with outstanding charges relating to the March quarter (and prior) will be placed on 'stop supply' from Tuesday 1 August 2017. Customers will be contacted and advised of the out of terms charges prior to this deadline. If you are unsure about these charges, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265 prior to 1 August to avoid any disruption in supply.

Justice of the Peace availability

Customers requiring the services of a Justice of the Peace (JP) are welcome to book an appointment with Murray Irrigation. Several JPs are available at our Deniliquin Customer Centre. To book an appointment, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Hume Dam releases

Hume Dam storage has increased to 2,259GL (75 percent) this week. Increases to Hume storage are continuing to be driven by the consistently high releases from the Snowy Hydro Scheme. According to the MDBA, releases from Hume averaged around 2,000ML/day last week and varied in response to forecast rainfall and environmental targets downstream of Yarrawonga.

Releases from Hume Dam have varied over the last week to mimic natural flow conditions downstream of Yarrawonga, up to 10,000 ML/day (channel capacity). This water has been released on behalf of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder for the purpose of providing environmental benefits along the length of the Murray.

Scott Barlow, Acting CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 13 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(25/07/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....53 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 409 GL
On-Farm Usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 3,890ML
Price Range \$118 - \$175
Buy Offer \$110
Yesterday's Sales.....1,028 ML
Price Range \$110

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

18/07/17 – 24/07/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)....10; 3,064ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....3; 277ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....18; 3,341ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 100ML (week) -11,737ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 0GL

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

18/07/17 – 24/07/17 Rain Evap
Finley 5.4mm 10.8mm
Tullakool..... 6.6mm 10.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,031 GL.....79 %
Hume.....2,263 GL.....75 %
Lake Victoria.....424 GL.....63 %
Menindee Lakes761 GL.....44 %
Total Storage.....6,479 GL.....70 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 7,285 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,183 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.... 1,403 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,111 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 321 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,752 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 22 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.