



SAFETY FIRST

Burn stubble responsibly

Stubble burning is an important tool for rice growers, but smoke can affect local communities when poor practices are used. Growers can check for suitable burning conditions using a new weather tool on the Bureau of Meteorology website. The 'MetEye' tool provides a forecast for burning conditions, including wind speed and direction:

www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?ref=ftt. The RGA has also developed fact sheets to assist with stubble management: www.rga.org.au/members-portal/stubble-management.aspx.

Berrigan Main Canal to close Monday

The Berrigan Main Canal offtake will be closed on Monday 1 May, with PIIOP Round 3 construction works to commence on Monday 8 May. To guarantee water delivery, customers in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 should complete irrigation programs prior to Monday 1 May. Off-allocation deliveries **may** be available on an **opportunistic basis** after this closure, however, an accelerated drainage program will be implemented immediately. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

System-wide drainage – 8 May

The Mulwala and Wakool Canal offtakes will be closed at 8.00am on Monday 8 May. Murray Irrigation will be conducting a modified drainage procedure from this date, with off-allocation deliveries to commence on an **opportunistic basis**. To guarantee supply, all customers must have their irrigation programs finalised by Monday 8 May. Murray Irrigation cannot guarantee supply after this date. Customers are strongly encouraged to give advanced notice of irrigation demand, including any changes to orders, to assist with channel operations. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Stock and domestic requirements

Customers should ensure dams are filled for stock and domestic use prior to the offtakes closing on Monday 8 May. Customers should place water orders as soon as possible to ensure delivery. For assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

External trade closures

Customers are reminded of the following dates for the close of external annual trade for the 2016/17 season:

- Interstate trade (to or from Victoria or South Australia) – forms must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Thursday 27 April**.
- External trade (to or from Murray Irrigation) – forms must be received at Murray Irrigation by **5.00pm Tuesday 30 May**.

Further details on other closing dates and end of season arrangements will be provided in a special *Talking Water* in early May. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Email default for invoice deliveries

As of 1 July 2017, invoices will be delivered to customers via email by default (unless customers have specified otherwise). To update your contact details, and select your preferred delivery method, please submit a *Form 2 – Change of contact details*, via our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au. Click on 'Customers' then 'Forms' and 'General forms'. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Sponsorship applications due Sunday

As part of Murray Irrigation's proactive approach to supporting healthy, viable and vibrant regional communities, the company provides sponsorship annually to organisations and activities which enhance, promote and embed safety and wellbeing within local communities. Applications for our 2017/18 sponsorship program must be received by this Sunday 30 April 2017. Full details and sponsorship applications are available via: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/sponsorship/. Applications can be emailed to customersupport@murrayirrigation.com.au, faxed to 03 5898 3301, or dropped in to one of our customer centres. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

'Cultivate' black tie ball

The 'Cultivate' black tie ball is being held at the Wakool Football Club on Saturday 13 May. The not-for-profit event is being organised by the Young Country Networkers and aims to celebrate rural communities. For more information, visit: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=266840.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(26/04/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....37 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance.....290 GL
On-Farm Usage 800 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 9,642 ML
Price Range \$35 - \$125
Buy Offer \$31
Yesterday's Sales..... 644 ML
Price Range \$32 - \$33
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

19/04/17 – 25/04/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML)...19; 4,828ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 736ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....26; 5,527ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 37ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade..... -3,146 (week)..... 5,116 (YTD)

Crop weekly water use
ML used on farm.....9GL (60% on annual pasture)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	786	10,000
Wakool Canal	172	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

19/04/17 – 25/04/17 Rain Evap
Finley 43.5mm 15.5mm
Tullakool..... 52.6mm 19.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,003 GL.....78 %
Hume.....1,763 GL.....59 %
Lake Victoria.....342 GL.....51 %
Menindee Lakes814 GL.....47 %
Total Storage.....5,922 GL.....64 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 3,791 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 6,388 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge .. 1,580 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 497 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 931 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 5,011 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 6 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.