

Talking Water

Tuesday 26 June 2018



Murray Irrigation

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<https://goo.gl/yNYbNL>.

SAFETY FIRST

Winter fire safety

Each year, Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30 percent of them occurring in winter months. The key to reducing the risk of fire occurring in your home is being prepared. To access important fire safety resources, including checklists to better prepare your home, visit: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/.

Winter Works update

Murray Irrigation's PIIOP 3 Winter Works program is on track for completion by August. Major concrete pours are coming to an end, in preparation for mechanical gate installations which commence later this week. New gates have been installed at the Wakool offtake site, allowing automated water control and an extended asset life. View a map of the PIIOP 3 Winter Works sites here: <https://goo.gl/rPorXH>.

2018/19 opening allocation

Opening state-wide water allocations will be made on Sunday 1 July 2018, with the next water allocation statement for the NSW Murray and Lower Darling to be issued on Monday 16 July 2018.

Subscribe directly to DPI Water announcements here: <https://goo.gl/QjQXF5>.

Water Exchange opening

The Water Exchange will re-open at 9.00am on Monday 2 July. External and internal annual transfers will also re-open on Monday 2 July. The customer portal will be open for purchases, sales and transfers which can be completed online. Water Exchange forms are available at <https://goo.gl/7kk4NB>. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265 or E. wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

June quarter invoices

June 2018 quarter invoices will be issued in early July. Estimates for these charges are

available for customers who wish to make payment prior to 30 June 2018. Customers are reminded these will be estimates only and any difference between this figure and the final invoice will need to be settled. The invoices will be dated in this financial year. To access your account estimate, call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

New website launch

Murray Irrigation is upgrading its public website to improve usability, make the site easier to navigate on smart devices and introduce new features – such as a comprehensive site search function.

The new website will be launched in July. Further updates will be included in future editions of *Talking Water*.

MILo the Bittern

Contact has been lost with MILo, Murray Irrigation's sponsored Bittern, after 480 days of tracking by project coordinators. Originally caught and tagged in a Deniliquin rice crop in January last year, project coordinators have since been able to identify consistent travelling and lifestyle patterns. MILo breeds during the summer months before heading back to the coast for a winter break. MILo was sponsored as part of the Bitterns in Rice project carried out by Ricegrowers' Association of Australia and Birdlife Australia. Find out more about the project here: <https://goo.gl/Kn1Jqe>.

MILCast

Support your company and buy your precast concrete products from MILCast! View product features (detailed through shop drawings), specifications, prices and images here: <https://goo.gl/JecivJ>.

Need assistance to find the best solution? Call 03 5888 3051.

Learn to Swim program

As part of our proactive approach to safety, Murray Irrigation provides primary aged school children with the opportunity to participate in our annual water safety program, Learn to Swim.

Entertain kids during the school holidays by downloading our free Learn to Swim colouring page and take the opportunity to remind children of the dangers of swimming in channels and the importance of learning to swim.

Download a copy of the colouring page here: <https://goo.gl/1Nq4zw>.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(26/06/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 18 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 146 GL
On-farm usage 792 GL

WATER EXCHANGE has now closed.

Trading will recommence on Monday 2 July.

Water use and trade data

19/06/18 – 25/06/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Water Exchange has now closed.

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 8,813ML (week) 76,671ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

19/06/18 – 25/06/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 6.8mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 7.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,423 GL 89 %
Hume 1,268 GL 42 %
Lake Victoria 363 GL 54 %
Menindee Lakes 206 GL 12 %
Total Storage 5,260 GL 57 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 2,498 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 3,979 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,813 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 454 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 60 ML/d
Flow to SA 5,591 ML/d
Murray to the sea 3 gates open

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