



## SAFETY FIRST

### No swimming in channels

Irrigation channels are not safe places to swim or play. Regulating structures can change suddenly, and cause fluctuations in channel levels without warning. Submerged objects can be hidden below the surface and also present dangers to swimmers. To ensure your safety, avoid swimming in irrigation channels.

### Delayed Talking Water

This week's edition of *Talking Water* was distributed later than normal due to content delays. Murray Irrigation apologises for any inconvenience caused.

### New Talking Water audio format

Murray Irrigation has introduced an audio format of this newsletter. You can listen here: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/talking-water/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/talking-water/).

### Plans for 2018 winter works

Plans for 2018 winter works on the Mulwala Canal are in full swing with 12 sites identified for the first stage of the upgrade. These works will bring our network one step closer to a fully modernised system. In order to complete these significant off-season works, a modified draining strategy will be implemented which includes the early draining of the Canal. More detail will be provided in coming months. If you would like to discuss any potential impacts on your irrigation schedule, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Postal ballot for Director vacancies

Ballot papers for the upcoming Director elections will be mailed to shareholders this Friday 29 September. Ballots must be completed in accordance with ballot paper instructions and received by CorpVote by **5.00pm Tuesday 24 October**. All enquiries should be directed to Ballot Administrator Tim Jones on T. 1300 428 082.

### Allocation update due next week

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due next Tuesday 3 October. Murray Irrigation will pass the information on to registered customers shortly after. To subscribe to these announcements (via email, SMS or fax) update your communication preferences by logging in to

the *Water ordering system* and updating your communication settings, alternatively contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Water orders and daylight saving

Daylight saving starts this Sunday, 1 October 2017. For customers placing water orders ending after this date, the *Water ordering system* will automatically have an hour added to the normal finish time to enable lodgement. Customer Support staff will manually adjust all orders ending after 1 October to the correct finish time. For more information or assistance contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### Landholder Association AGMs

Details of the local landholder association annual general meetings are:

- **Wakool Landholders' Association** – Tonight, 27 September, Wakool Services Club, 7.00pm (contact: David May M. 0427 539 248);
- **Denimein Landholders' Association** - Wednesday 4 October, Pretty Pine Hotel, 5.00pm (contact: Josh Small M. 0427 889 367);
- **Berriquin Irrigators' Council** - Thursday 5 October, Finley RSL Club, 7.00pm (contact: Louis Kelly T. 03 5886 1634);
- **Deniboota Landholders' Association** - Thursday 19 October, Caldwell Hall, 7.30pm (contact: Alastair Starritt M. 0429 965 357).

### NAPREC conference next week

There are limited places still available for the inaugural National Agricultural Productivity and Reconciliation Ecology Centre (NAPREC) conference next week. The event will be hosted at the Deniliquin Golf Club on Wednesday 4 October.

- Morning session: 8.30am – 1.30pm
- Evening session: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Please RSVP to [admin@naprec.com.au](mailto:admin@naprec.com.au). For more information, visit:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0LOkFj0zKodUmJpcXR1Y1hZVjg>.

### Public holiday arrangements

All Murray Irrigation offices will be closed on Monday 2 October for the NSW Labour Day public holiday. Offices will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 October. Water deliveries will not be affected. Next week's *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 4 October.

### Announced allocation

Class C General Security ..... 28 %  
Water resource distribution ..... 3 %  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

### Water availability and usage

(26/09/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....54 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 447 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 79 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 8,357 ML  
Price Range ..... \$139 - \$250  
Buy Offer ..... \$125  
Yesterday's Sales..... 173 ML  
Price ..... \$139

**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

20/09/17 – 26/09/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...27; 5,292ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....1; 191ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....41; 5,463ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 20ML

#### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 1,998ML (week) -10,355ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 27 GL (61%  
on winter crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,577	10,000
Wakool Canal	591	2,350
Escape flows	591	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

20/09/17 – 26/09/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 37.7mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm ..... 37.3mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,240 GL.....84 %  
Hume.....2,740 GL.....91 %  
Lake Victoria.....670 GL.....99 %  
Menindee Lakes .....664 GL.....38 %  
Total Storage.....7,314 GL.....79 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,001 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,059 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge....6,950 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,378 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 241 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 4,277 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 8 gates open

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