



## SAFETY FIRST

### Farm FireWise

Farm FireWise helps NSW rural landholders prepare for and prevent bush fires. It provides support and advice on building bush fire preparedness into your business plans, and gives you the knowledge and skills to protect your family, home and business when bush fire threatens your property. Farm FireWise also aims to reinvigorate and foster relationships between rural communities, volunteer brigades and the NSW RFS as partners in bush fire protection. For details, visit: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/farm-fire-safety](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/farm-fire-safety).

### Customer feedback sessions

As part of Murray Irrigation's commitment to customer engagement, we will be hosting a series of customer feedback groups throughout February and March to collect feedback on a range of relevant topics. The feedback groups will be informal gatherings and customers will be asked to provide honest feedback on a range of Company issues. Open sessions will also be held across the footprint in March. Further details on these sessions, including locations and dates, will be announced soon.

### AgQ tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the inaugural agricultural-themed trivia night, AgQ. The event will be held at The Crossing Café in Deniliquin on Friday 17 March. It is being organised by a number of community organisations – including Murray Irrigation – and will focus on engaging the next generation of farmers and industry professionals. Well-known comedian Elliott Goblet will host the night. Tickets are limited and include dinner and drinks on arrival. Cost is \$20 for an individual ticket, or \$180 for a table of 10. To purchase, visit: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/agq-trivia-night-tickets-32176326258](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/agq-trivia-night-tickets-32176326258). For more information, or assistance, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 1348 265.

### Water Resource Plans

The Department of Primary Industries – Water (DPIW) has released a status and issues paper on the Murray and Lower Darling surface water Water Resource Plan.

The paper lists any known issues regarding the management of water in the area and where further investigation needs to be undertaken to evaluate the impact of any changes proposed under the Water Resource Planning process. DPIW is calling for public feedback to ensure issues not currently listed in the status paper are addressed. Murray Irrigation has a limited number of hard copies of the status and issues paper available at our Deniliquin Customer Centre. The paper is available at: [www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-resource-plans/murray-lower-darling](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-resource-plans/murray-lower-darling). Submissions are due by Friday 31 March 2017.

### Register for statements via email

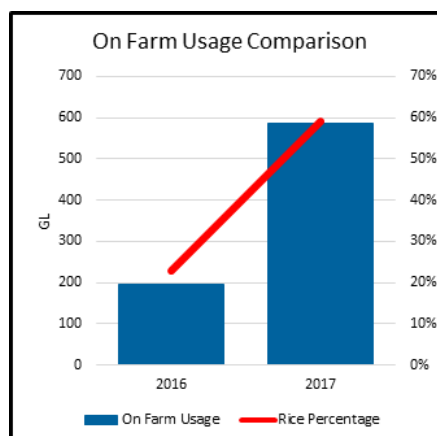
To ensure prompt delivery of invoices and statements (as well as save on administration charges), customers are reminded that they can elect for email delivery of accounts. This can be completed by submitting a 'Form 2 - Change of Contact Details'. Please ensure any queries regarding your charges for the December 2016 quarter are raised with Murray Irrigation prior to the due date on 10 March 2017. For assistance contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### PIIOP consultation

Round 2 of Murray Irrigation's Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program (PIIOP) is scheduled for completion in October 2017. We intend to conclude consultation for higher use outlets by the end of March. For further details, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

### On-farm usage comparison

Murray Irrigation has so far delivered 590GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 60 percent of that water used on rice. This is compared to 197GL at this time last year (23 percent on rice).



Michael Renehan, CEO

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(28/02/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....57 %  
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-Farm Balance..... 450 GL  
On-Farm Usage ..... 590 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale ..... 13,295 ML  
Price Range ..... \$39 - \$250  
Buy Offer ..... \$32  
Yesterday's Sales.....4,139 ML  
Price Range ..... \$32 - \$38

To buy water call 1300 781 431

### Water use and trade data

21/02/17 – 27/02/17

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...46; 12,497ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....19; 5,818ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....4; 6,679ML

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

Net trade...6,195ML(week)...-2,046ML(YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....25GL (64% on rice)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	4,338	10,000
Wakool Canal	956	2,350
Escape flows	450	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

21/02/17 – 27/02/17 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley .....0.0mm .... 43.8mm  
Tullakool..... 0.0mm .... 57.3mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,999 GL.....78 %  
Hume.....2,307 GL.....77 %  
Lake Victoria.....453 GL.....67 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 1,086 GL.....63 %  
Total Storage.....6,845 GL.....74 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 13,049 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 9,325 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,476 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,544 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 3,425 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 7,812 ML/d  
Murray to the Sea ..... 4 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.*