

Talking Water

Tuesday 29 May 2018



Murray Irrigation

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www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/talking-water/.

SAFETY FIRST

Farm safety workshop

Safe Ag Systems is hosting a free farm safety workshop at the Finley Recreation Reserve from 6pm on Tuesday 12 June. Attendees will discuss work health and safety risks and explore practical ways to implement a safe system of work for agri-businesses. For catering purposes, register here: https://farm_safety_finley_12_0618.eventbrite.com.au or contact Erika Heffer on 0438 719 628.

Election results

The ballot to elect three member directors of Murray Irrigation closed at noon yesterday (Monday 28 May). Murray Irrigation expects to announce the results as early as tomorrow.

MDBA Chair visit

The first task for the company's directors-elect will be to meet the chairman of the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), Neil Andrew, this Thursday 31 May. Mr Andrew will be taken on a short tour of the operational area before meeting the directors-elect for a working lunch.

March invoices due Thursday

Payment of third quarter (March 2018) invoices is due by 5pm this Thursday 31 May. For further information or assistance, contact Accounts Receivable via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Made-to-order concrete products

Did you know MILCast can design made-to-order structures based on your specific needs? This includes pipe brand selection and control door requirements. MILCast is committed to ongoing product development to meet the changing needs of its customers. Contact MILCast on 03 5888 3051 or visit: www.milcast.com.au/.

Water usage - Casual Usage Fee

Customers are encouraged to ensure they have a positive annual delivery entitlement (DE transfer limit) balance to prevent incurring the Casual Usage Fee. The last day for internal transfer, purchase and

payment of annual delivery entitlements is Monday 18 June. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Trade closure dates

The dates for the close of external and internal annual trade for the 2017/18 season are:

- **5.00pm Monday 18 June**
 - Water Exchange closes for water trading and annual delivery entitlements.
 - Last day for internal transfer, purchase and payment of annual delivery entitlements to avoid casual usage charge.
- **5.00pm Thursday 21 June**
 - Last day to submit external transfers (MLs) to/from Murray Irrigation.
- **Midnight Sunday 24 June**
 - Internal annual transfers close.
 - Customer portal access to water accounts closes.

For further information, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265 or see: <https://goo.gl/qVyEoj>.

RGA branch AGMs next week

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) will hold its respective branch annual general meetings next week.

Details:

- Deniliquin RSL Club (Deniliquin and Victorian branch) – 6.30pm on Tuesday 5 June
- Finley RS Club (Berriquin branch) – 5.30pm on Wednesday 6 June
- Wakool Club (Wakool branch) – 6.30pm on Thursday 7 June

For more information, contact Leah Wythes (RGA) on 0488 071 165.

Business and technology forums

Rice Extension is hosting two business and technology forums in the local area next month.

Details:

- Deniliquin Golf Club from 9am to 3.30pm on Wednesday 13 June
- Club Barham from 9am to 3.30pm on Thursday 14 June

Leading industry speakers will talk about the latest on-farm technology and how to improve your business. RSVPs to Erika Heffer (Deniliquin) on 0438 719 628 or Laura Kaylock (Barham) on 0431 236 045 by Friday 8 June.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(29/05/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements 16 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 133 GL
On-farm usage 792 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale 1,643 ML
Price range \$170 - \$220
Buy offer \$161
Yesterday's sales 289 ML
Price range \$150 - \$170

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

22/05/18 – 28/05/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....22; 2,847ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....24; 2,727ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 120ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 2,530ML (week) 65,992ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are now closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

22/05/18 – 28/05/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 17.7mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 17.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth 3,415 GL 89 %
Hume 1,083 GL 36 %
Lake Victoria 292 GL 43 %
Menindee Lakes 218 GL 13 %
Total Storage 5,008 GL 54 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 1,799 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 5,374 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,322 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 304 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 66 ML/d
Flow to SA 3,574 ML/d
Murray to the sea 3 gates open

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