

Talking Water

Tuesday 30 January 2018



Murray Irrigation

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SAFETY FIRST

Interconnected smoke alarms

Extensive research over three years by Fire & Rescue NSW has revealed that the number of smoke alarms, their location and interconnection all play a critical role in saving lives and property. If it's time to change your home smoke alarm, consider installing multiple interconnected alarms. See the study here: <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9270>.

Meeting of interim board

The interim board of Murray Irrigation met in Wakool on Thursday last week (25 January). Landholder and industry representatives attended the meeting to provide feedback important to both the board's program of ongoing reform and current company operations. The board also spent much of the previous day meeting with a cross-section of Murray Irrigation customers in the Denibootea and Wakool districts, with an emphasis on the latest generation of farmers now operating within the footprint.

The board endorsed a timetable of reform which will be presented to landholder associations this week as part of its ongoing consultation program.

For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/1FJ3o>.

NSW Irrigators' Council visit

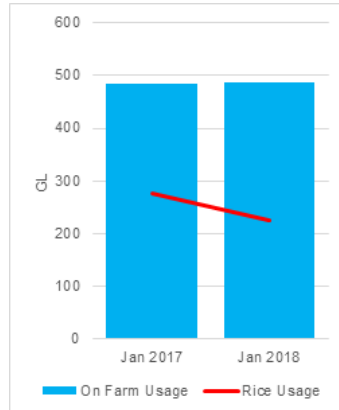
NSW Irrigators' Council representatives will meet with local irrigation industry stakeholders in Deniliquin tomorrow (31 January). The program will include meetings with Murray Irrigation, Southern Riverina Irrigators and the chairs of local landholder associations to discuss industry-related issues including the 450GL 'up-water'.

Allocation update due Thursday

NSW Crown Lands and Water will release its next water allocation statement on Thursday this week (1 February). Subscribe directly to the announcement here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

On-farm usage update

Murray Irrigation has so far delivered 486GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 42 percent used on rice. This compares to 473GL delivered at this time last year (59 percent on rice).



Reminder: monitor water usage

Customers can ask for SMS or email notifications to warn them that their allocation account is approaching a zero balance. The service is designed to assist with monitoring water usage and maintaining a positive balance in water accounts.

When an account balance reaches zero, all operating outlets will be finished by Murray Irrigation and a four-day wait for start orders may apply once the account returns to positive. For more information, or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

December quarter accounts

Second quarter (December 2017) invoices were issued to customers last week and payments are due by 5.00pm Friday, 23 February. For further information or assistance, contact Accounts Receivable via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

CSU accommodation scholarship

The annual Berrigan Shire Council accommodation scholarship is now open. The funding is aimed at students from Berrigan Shire who are commencing or continuing their studies at any Charles Sturt University campus, providing financial assistance of \$5,000 to help local students achieve their study goals. Applications close Thursday 1 February. For full details see: <https://goo.gl/1FkXf4>.

Women in Rice event

Rice Extension is holding a *Women in Rice* event at Old Coree, Jerilderie on Thursday 22 February. Full details will be in a future edition of *Talking Water*.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 49 %
Water resource distribution 8 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(30/01/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 35 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 292 GL
On-farm usage 486 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 9,250 ML
Price range \$112 - \$350
Buy offer \$107
Yesterday's sales 1,766 ML
Price range \$111 - \$114
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

23/01/18 – 29/01/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML) ... 28; 4,655ML
External buyers (No. & ML) ... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML) ... 24; 4,441 ML
External sellers (No. & ML) ... 2; 214ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 470ML (week) 15,108ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 26 GL (63%
on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	3,918	10,000
Wakool Canal	922	2,350
Escape flows	922	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

23/01/18 – 29/01/18 Rain Evap
Finley 2.2mm 72.6mm
Tullakool 4.4mm 75.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,432 GL 89 %
Hume 1,865 GL 62 %
Lake Victoria 527 GL 78 %
Menindee Lakes 373 GL 22 %
Total Storage 6,197 GL 67 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 11,656 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,898 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 2,703 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 274 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 46 ML/d
Flow to SA 7,009 ML/d
Murray to the sea 4 gates open

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