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Emergency app for mobiles

'Emergency +' is a free national app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners. The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. The app also includes SES and Police Assistance Line numbers as options, so non-emergency calls are made to the most appropriate number. To download the app, search for 'Emergency +' in your favourite app store.

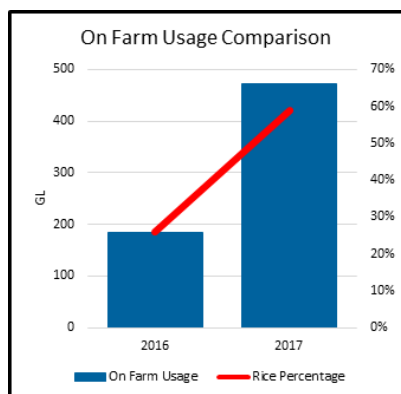
Water delivery agreement

Murray Irrigation and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have recently signed an agreement to continue their decade long collaboration in delivering water to private wetlands, rivers and ephemeral creeks throughout the district. The commercial agreement provides for financial revenue to Murray Irrigation on the use of its assets for this purpose. Use of the Murray Irrigation network enables OEH to deliver water to hundreds of privately owned wetlands and achieve significant environmental benefits for Murray Irrigation landholders and local communities. For more information on environmental water, visit the OEH website:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/water-for-the-environment.

On-farm usage comparison

Murray Irrigation has so far delivered 473GL to customers on-farm this irrigation season, with 59 percent of that water used on rice. This is compared to 185GL at this time last year (26 percent on rice).



Customers on 'stop supply'

In line with the Murray Irrigation Debt Management Procedure, customers with outstanding charges from the September 2016 quarter will be placed on 'stop supply' from tomorrow, 1 February 2017. If you have an outstanding account and are unable to make payment, but need to order water, please contact Customer Support (T. 1300 138 265) to discuss.

Invoices delayed

Customers are advised that invoices for the October to December quarter will be distributed slightly later than normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. This invoice will also include the MDBA charges which were deferred from the first quarter. Full details on this deferred charge will be outlined on your invoice. For more details, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Crop walk and RGA branch meeting

Rice Extension and the Murray Local Land Services (LLS) invite all rice growers to a crop walk from 8.00am this Thursday 2 February. It will be held at Geoff Small's property, 'Billinudgel', 403 Nesbits Road (off Wandook Road), Stud Park. The morning will start with a Sunrice update, followed by crop inspections at 9.00am, including the new short season YRK5 variety. A focus on microspore and water management during this critical stage will also be discussed. The farm walk will be followed by the **Deniliquin RGA branch meeting** from 11.00am at the Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve. For more information, contact Troy Mauger, Murray Valley Rice Extension Officer, on M. 0417 375 168.

West Berriquin branch meeting

Customers are reminded that the West Berriquin Irrigators' Council branch meeting has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Thursday 16 February, starting with a tour of the Deniliquin Rice Mill at 9.00am. RSVPs are essential. Contact Linda Fawns via M. 0409 044 754 or E. westberriquinirrigators@gmail.com.

Tertiary scholarships close Friday

Applications for the 2017 Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000) and Peter Connor Book Award (\$3,000) close this Friday 3 February. The eligibility criteria and application forms can be found here: www.rga.org.au/education/awards-and-scholarships.aspx. For further information, contact RGA on T. 02 6953 0433.

Michael Renahan, CEO

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(31/01/17)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements..... 61 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 480 GL
On-Farm Usage 473 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 18,029 ML
Price Range \$49 - \$250
Buy Offer \$32
Yesterday's Sales.....500 ML
Price \$50

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

24/01/17 – 30/01/17
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....27; 5,233ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....14; 5,233ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....76ML(week).....-9,375ML(YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm.....33GL (67% on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	5,269	10,000
Wakool Canal	1,298	2,350
Escape flows	700	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

24/01/17 – 30/01/17 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 56.6mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 66.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,023 GL.....78 %
Hume.....2,548 GL.....85 %
Lake Victoria.....500 GL.....74 %
Menindee Lakes1,327 GL.....77 %
Active Storage.....7,398 GL.....80 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 14,319 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,072 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ... 1,417 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,918 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 4,167 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 10,504 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 21 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.