

Talking Water

Tuesday 31 October 2017



Murray Irrigation

Annual General Meeting

Murray Irrigation's 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 November at the Deniliquin RSL Club.

Implementation of automation

Following last week's update about the steps towards automation, this week we explain what happens before a channel is automated:

- Channel testing:** Final testing and 'tuning' is done on regulators and outlets in preparation for automated operation on the specific channel system (otherwise known as an 'operational area').
- Customer contact:** We will ring all customers in the operational area to let them know their outlets will be automated and the nominated times they will change during the day. We also send a letter to confirm this in writing.

Shareholder Directors elected

Phil Snowden, Bruce Simpson and Waander van Beek have been elected to the Murray Irrigation Board of Directors following the declaration of the postal ballot by CorpVote – an independent voting and election service provider. Current board members Tim McKindlay and James Sides were not re-elected. Voting closed at 5.00pm Tuesday 24 October. Five candidates nominated for three shareholder director vacancies arising from the Company's constitution which sets a term of four years and re-election via rotation. Full details here:

www.murrayirrigation.com.au/media/28882/MIL%20Election%20Results%20Updated%2025-10-2017.pdf.

Allocation update due tomorrow

DPI Water's next water allocation statement is due tomorrow (Wednesday 1 November). Murray Irrigation will pass the information on to registered customers shortly thereafter. Subscribe directly to DPI's announcements here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>.

September quarter invoices

Invoices for the September quarter will be issued to customers this week. Those with email delivery will receive their invoices immediately, while those registered for

delivery via post should receive their invoice next week. If you have any queries relating to your invoice or its delivery method, please contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

2017 Annual Report now online

Murray Irrigation's 2017 Annual Report is now available to access online: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/corporate/annual-reports/. A summary of the Annual Report will be mailed to customers later this week.

Mid-April system shutdown

A significant portion of the Murray Irrigation network will be drained mid-April next year in order to carry out extensive upgrades along the Mulwala and Wakool systems. Twelve regulators along the Mulwala Canal, three sites in Wakool and three escapes have been identified for major upgrade in 2018 as part of Murray Irrigation's ongoing network modernisation journey. Early dewatering is critical in allowing the following irrigation season to open on time. Customers are encouraged to factor this into their planning. To discuss any potential impacts, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Barmah Choke trade restrictions

A reminder that any transfers from Murray Irrigation to licences located below the Barmah Choke may be limited due to 'Barmah Choke Restrictions'. A default trade restriction is in place at the Choke. This is necessary to protect water delivery to existing entitlement holders and for environmental reasons. Current restrictions can be located on the MDBA website here: <https://goo.gl/2oCWWZ>.

Farm Table launch

You're invited to the national online launch of the new Farm Table ecosystem. The Farm Table is a one-stop online solution for the Australian agricultural industry, with an aim to make the web a better place for farmers. The launch webinar will be hosted online from 1.00pm on Thursday 9 November. Register here: <https://goo.gl/tU1UnT>.

Customer Support next week

Murray Irrigation Customer Support staff will continue to service customers during the Company's annual staff holiday next week (Tuesday 7 November). Our offices will be closed, however, water deliveries will be uninterrupted and the Water Exchange will be operating as normal. *Talking Water* will be distributed on Wednesday 8 November.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 30 %
Water resource distribution 3 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(31/10/17)

Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....44 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 368 GL
On-Farm Usage 199 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for Sale 6,904 ML
Price Range \$138 - \$350
Buy Offer \$121
Yesterday's Sales..... 1,021 ML
Price \$120 - \$131

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

24/10/17 – 30/10/17

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...27; 5,690ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....17; 5,690ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -925ML (week) -6,903ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm..... 24 GL (52%
on rice)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,431	10,000
Wakool Canal	560	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

24/10/17 – 30/10/17 Rain Evap
Finley 1.2mm 34.3mm
Tullakool..... 7.8mm 37.3mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,340 GL.....87 %
Hume.....2,550 GL.....85 %
Lake Victoria.....629 GL.....93 %
Menindee Lakes574 GL.....33 %
Total Storage.....7,093 GL.....77 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 14,746 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 14,781 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....742 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 3,353 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 991 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 6,315 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 4 gates open

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