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SAFETY FIRST

Chemical drums

A friendly reminder to keep channel banks clear of chemical drums and other packaging. If chemical drums and/or their contents enter the channel system, they can impact water delivery and cause environmental issues.

Opening allocation summary

The Department of Industry announced [opening 2018/19 water allocations](#) for licenced water users in the NSW Murray on Sunday 1 July. Local water utility, domestic and stock and all high security sub-categories (Class A) licence holders commence the season on 100 percent of entitlement, while high security licence holders received an allocation of 97 percent of entitlement.

There was no general security allocation. However, general security licence holders will have full access to water carried over from 2017/18 - which is approximately 30 percent (on average). The next water allocation announcement will be made on Monday 16 July. To view Sunday's announcement, see: <https://goo.gl/WAWY41>.

Barmah-Millewa borrow

In accordance with the NSW Murray and Lower Darling *Water Sharing Plan*, the Barmah-Millewa Forest Environmental Water Allowance has been borrowed in full to assist consumptive water users. It will be repaid once general security allocations reach 30 percent of entitlement.

Choke trade restrictions to continue

Trading water from above to below the Barmah Choke will continue to be restricted in 2018/19. This means that water users upstream of the Choke can only sell water to buyers downstream of the Choke if the same amount of water (or more) has been traded from downstream to upstream first.

The balance of water that can be traded through the Choke was reset on 1 July 2018. An annual adjustment has been made to take account of water savings transferred to the Snowy scheme, resulting in an opening balance close to 32,000ML.

The current trade balance for the Choke can be found at: <https://goo.gl/LAggM7>.

Inter and intra valley trade

Inter and intra valley trade in the regulated NSW Murray has resumed. Daily updates relating to the current account balance and opening or closing triggers are available through the WaterNSW website at: www.watarnsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee.

Regional opening allocation summary

The following opening allocation announcements apply to Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	41 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	3 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	32 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	0 percent

Water Exchange re-opens

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange and external licence trading re-opened yesterday (Monday 2 July). A user guide for the Water Exchange has been developed and is available here: <https://goo.gl/4w8U8j>. The current Water Exchange *Terms and Conditions* are also available on Murray Irrigation's website. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265 or E. wex@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Water deliveries

Murray Irrigation anticipates that water will be available for delivery to outlets in most operating areas by Wednesday 15 August. Any delays to this date will be advised accordingly. For further enquiries, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Weed biocontrol survey

Have you completed the Weed Biocontrol survey for the Murray Region? Provide anonymous feedback on how to improve biocontrol options in our area: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Murray_Region_weedbiocontrol.

If you have any questions about the survey, contact Wendy Gibney at NSW DPI via email: wendy.gibney@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0 %
Water resource distribution 0 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(03/07/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 17 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 145 GL
On-farm usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 384 ML
Price range \$300 - \$350
Buy offer \$0
Yesterday's sales 0 ML
Price range N/A

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

26/06/18 – 02/07/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....0; OML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; OML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....0; OML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; OML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade -2,002ML (week) -2,002ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

26/06/18 – 02/07/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 7.6mm
Tullakool 10.6mm 6.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,427 GL 89 %
Hume 1,310 GL 44 %
Lake Victoria 366 GL 54 %
Menindee Lakes 206 GL 12 %
Total Storage 5,309 GL 57 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 1,382 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 3,497 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 8,563 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 708 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 56 ML/d
Flow to SA 4,798 ML/d
Murray to the sea 3 gates open

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