

Talking Water

Tuesday 10 July 2018



Murray Irrigation

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<https://goo.gl/YNYbNL>.

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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. To download the app, search for 'Emergency +' in your favourite app store.

Allocation statement due Monday

Department of Industry will release its next water allocation statement for the NSW Murray on Monday 16 July. Subscribe directly to it here: <https://goo.gl/XZ8ZAd>. Additional information on state-wide water determinations can be found here: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water.

Standard Service Fees

Murray Irrigation's schedule of Standard Service Fees (Annexure B to Fees and Prices Policy) is now available here: www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/fees-and-prices/. The company's annual review of its fees and prices (Annexure A) has been deferred to the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year. Full details will be communicated in coming weeks.

Water Exchange re-opens

Murray Irrigation's Water Exchange (WEX) and external licence trading re-opened on Monday 2 July. We plan to rollout a new WEX platform later this year. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Water deliveries by 15 August

Murray Irrigation anticipates that water will be available for delivery to outlets in most operating areas by Wednesday 15 August. To discuss your specific requirements, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Whistle blower service

Murray Irrigation has contracted Your Call Whistleblowing Solutions to manage confidential reports of misconduct. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/CQDvxM>.

SMS service

Murray Irrigation offers an SMS service for allocation announcements and order start and end alerts. To subscribe, log in to your *Water ordering* account and click on 'User options' then 'Communication Settings'. Need help? Contact Customer Support 1300 138 265.

Berriquin branch meeting next week

Berriquin Irrigators' Council is holding a branch meeting in Finley from 7.00pm on Thursday 19 July. A venue will be confirmed in next week's *Talking Water*. There will be a presentation from Southern Riverina Irrigators and updates on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and water technology. Contact: SRI Chair Gabrielle Coupland 0407 262 780.

Refilling of Stevens Weir pool

Refilling of Stevens Weir pool on the Edward River is planned to commence next week in preparation for the 2018/19 irrigation season. WaterNSW advises river users within the Edward-Wakool River system to be aware of changing river levels during the coming weeks. For more information, contact WaterNSW on 1300 622 077.

June rainfall summary

The Bureau of Meteorology reports that area-averaged rainfall for the Murray-Darling Basin in June was 23.4mm. This is 30 percent below average for this time of year.

River Murray inflows

River Murray System inflows for June totalled approximately 203GL, according to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. The long term median inflow for June is 450GL. For full details, see: <https://goo.gl/CKrFqh>.

Made-to-order concrete structures

Did you know MILCast can design made-to-order structures based on your specific needs? MILCast designs, manufactures and supplies precast concrete products for agricultural and commercial uses direct from its Finley-based production yard. For further information, call the team on 03 5888 3051 or visit www.milcast.com.au/.

MDBA e-water priorities

The MDBA has identified its environmental watering priorities for 2018/19. These include maintaining rivers and wetlands through dry conditions and supporting Basin-scale population recovery of native fish. For full details, visit: <https://goo.gl/s7oswf>.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(10/07/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements 17 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 139 GL
On-farm usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale 481 ML
Price range \$295 - \$350
Buy offer \$150
Yesterday's sales 0 ML
Price range N/A

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

03/07/18 – 09/07/18

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 -2,971ML (week) -4,973ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

03/07/18 – 09/07/18 Rain Evap
Finley 3.6mm 16.5mm
Tullakool 0.6mm 19.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth 3,433 GL 89 %
Hume 1,357 GL 45 %
Lake Victoria 365 GL 54 %
Menindee Lakes 201 GL 12 %
Total Storage 5,356 GL 58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 1,794 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 3,029 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 7,458 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 958 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 65 ML/d
Flow to SA 5,461 ML/d
Murray to the sea 1 gate 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.