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PUTTING SAFETY FIRST

Quad bike safety rebates

SafeWork NSW is offering farmers two rebates of up to \$1,000 each to help improve on-farm quad bike safety. The NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program seeks to help farmers reduce quad bike accidents which are the nation's biggest form of on-farm fatalities. Visit:

www.nswfarmers.org.au/QuadBikeRebate.

[Here is a clip from WorkSafe Victoria's quad bike safety campaign.](#)

Indicate watering intentions

Murray Irrigation will commence filling the Mulwala and Wakool canals tomorrow (Wednesday 25 July) using a modified procedure. The slow fill will enable the finalisation of engineering works to install new regulators at 18 sites. The works are part of a \$25 million upgrade under PIOP 3.

Water is expected to be available for delivery in most operating areas by Wednesday 15 August.

To ensure water is available at your outlet, indicate your water ordering intentions by calling Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Renewable energy focus group

NSW Irrigators' Council is looking for irrigators who have (or are in the process of) installing grid-connected renewable energy to participate in a focus group in Deniliquin on Tuesday 7 August. The focus group forms part of a University of Technology Sydney study which is looking at options to provide better access to affordable energy solutions. If you can participate in the focus group, contact Stefanie Schulte on 02 9264 3848.

Stevens Weir refill

WaterNSW has commenced refilling the Stevens Weir pool following completion of maintenance works. The flow downstream of Stevens Weir has reduced to about 560ML/day.

Lake Mulwala

The re-filling of Lake Mulwala is also underway following this year's winter drawdown to control the invasive waterweed, *Egeria densa*. The lake will rise a further three and a half metres by early August in time for the upcoming irrigation season

MDBA weekly report survey

The MDBA is undertaking a survey to improve the content and layout of its *River Murray Weekly Report*. The survey should only take about five minutes to complete and closes on Sunday 5 August.

To participate, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMWRSURVEY>.

To access the MDBA's weekly reports, visit: www.mdba.gov.au/river-information/weekly-reports.

Murray Farm to Plate Program

Murray Regional Tourism wants members of the local food community to come together to review key concepts for developing a 'Farm to Plate' program in the local area. A strategy workshop will be held in Moama from 2pm to 4pm on Monday 13 August. To find out more about the event, or to register, [click here](#).

Water for Wildlife and Rice project

Ricegrowers' Association of Australia, Western Murray Land Improvement Group and Farming Together have teamed up to launch the *Water For Wildlife and Rice* project. The team is calling for donations to cover additional costs incurred for a pilot farm to maximise the habitat value of a rice crop and the adjacent surrogate wetlands.

The project seeks to achieve triple bottom line success by generating ecological and socio-economic benefits. For full details, visit: www.pozible.com/project/water-for-wildlife-and-rice/updates.

Murrumbidgee IVT procedures

Customers are reminded that the account balance for Murrumbidgee Inter-valley Trade (IVT) is updated at 9.00am every day and is available through the WaterNSW website at:

www.watnsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee. Be sure to monitor the website if you want to trade into or out of the Murrumbidgee Valley.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(24/07/18)

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 831 ML
Price range \$294 - \$900
Buy offer \$180
Yesterday's sales 0 ML
Price range N/A

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

17/07/18 – 23/07/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)...2; 100ML
External buyers (No. & ML)...0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)...2; 100ML
External sellers (No. & ML)...0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade -1,000ML (week) -4,625ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

GL used on farm..... 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

Offtakes are closed.

Rainfall and evaporation

17/07/18 – 23/07/18 Rain Evap
Finley 3.6mm 17.4mm
Tullakool..... 6.6mm 16.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....3,434 GL.....89 %
Hume.....1,371 GL.....46 %
Lake Victoria.....367 GL.....54 %
Menindee Lakes200 GL.....12 %
Total Storage.....5,372 GL.....58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 10,681 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 6,035 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge.....2,032 ML/d
M'Bidgiee d/s Balranald..... 1,040 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 10 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,519 ML/d
Murray to the sea 3 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.