

Talking Water

Tuesday 31 July 2018



Murray Irrigation

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Water for consumptive users

State government water agencies responsible for environmental flows and water allocations are planning to meet with the MDBA to determine what measures and capacity is available to provide water to consumptive water users. The meeting is being held in response to management's approach last week to the Department of Industry – Water and the Office of Environment and Heritage and follows advice from Snowy Hydro that there is no capacity for a borrow product this season.

Allocation update due tomorrow

Department of Industry – Water (DoI Water) is expected to make a water allocation announcement for the NSW Murray tomorrow (Wednesday 1 August). Murray Irrigation has been in contact with the state's manager of water allocations to describe the dire circumstances in the region.

Subscribe directly to DoI Water announcements [here](#). Additional information on state-wide water determinations can be found [here](#).

Channel filling on schedule

Water delivery to most outlets is planned for not later than Wednesday 15 August, as Murray Irrigation meets its normal season opening date. The company is prioritising its channel filling to meet demand from customers managing the dry conditions and is attempting to deliver water to all areas as soon as possible. Notify Murray Irrigation of your water ordering intentions by calling Customer Support on 1300 138 265. For full details, see yesterday's *Channel filling update* [here](#).

PIIOP 3 works photos

Winter works, comprising major canal upgrades under PIIOP 3, are progressing well and the company has started filling the Mulwala Canal as planned. Project progress photos are available [here](#).

June quarter invoices

Payment of invoices for the June 2018 quarter is due by Friday 31 August 2018. Invoices will not reflect any prepayments made on the account. For more information or assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Water ordering offline Thursday

Access to Murray Irrigation's water ordering system and Water Exchange will be unavailable for approximately three hours from 9am this Thursday 2 August while the company conducts scheduled maintenance.

Domestic deemed usage credit

The company is offering a 2ML water allocation credit provision for unused stock and domestic pipe outlets for the 2018/19 season. Application forms must be received by Murray Irrigation no later than 5.00pm Friday 21 September. Forms are available [here](#).

Permanent Trade forms

Did you know Murray Irrigation now accepts scanned Permanent Trade forms via email? Customers can email register@murrayirrigation.com.au, post or hand deliver their forms. Please ensure you use the most current version of the form. All forms are interactive, meaning you can type on the forms (however, electronic signatures are not accepted). The latest forms are available [here](#). Alternatively, contact Permanent Trade via Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

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, or to register, [click here](#).

'Rice 101' course

Rice Extension is holding a 'Rice 101' course at Rice Research Australia, Jerilderie on Tuesday 14 August. The day will be held from 8.30am to 5pm and will provide an introduction to growing high yielding and profitable rice. To register, or for more information, [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, [click here](#).

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(31/07/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 18 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 147 GL
On-farm usage 0 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 1,363 ML
Price range \$339 - \$900
Buy offer \$300
Yesterday's sales 927 ML
Price range \$320 - \$330
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

24/07/18 – 30/07/18
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....18; 2,847ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....13; 2,847ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)
Net trade 6,895ML (week) 2,270ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm 0 ML

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,000	10,000
Wakool Canal	300	2,350
Escape flows	0	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

24/07/18 – 30/07/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 14.6mm
Tullakool 0.2mm 16.0mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,440 GL 89 %
Hume 1,359 GL 45 %
Lake Victoria 372 GL 55 %
Menindee Lakes 197 GL 11 %
Total Storage 5,368 GL 58 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,715 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 5,643 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,055 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,037 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 56 ML/d
Flow to SA 8,239 ML/d
Murray to the sea 10 gates open

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