



Safe Ag System workshops

Two *Safe Ag System* workshops will be held in Finley and Deniliquin next Tuesday 4 September. The workshops will provide farmers with information relating to on-farm workplace health and safety responsibilities. Presentations will address legislation, regulations and penalties, as well as details on the latest safety technology and software available. The workshops will be held at the Finley RS Club from 1.00pm and the Deniliquin RSL Club from 6.00pm. RSVP by calling 03 5890 500 or fiona.leslie@elders.com.au.

Release of environmental water

The NSW Government will release environmental water to irrigators for purchase later this year. Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton confirmed yesterday that OEH will make up to 15GL of environmental water available for purchase "over the coming spring and summer". All proceeds raised from purchase of this water will be held in trust with the Department of Primary Industries and used for priority drought-related projects. For details, [click here](#).

Solidarity in speaking up

The company supported a rally in Deniliquin yesterday to call for water to be released immediately so that farmers can finish winter crops or grow fodder. The rally was an impressive demonstration of public support, calling on government and departments to explore every opportunity and pursue every means to release an early allocation into the region. The rally was a significant public contribution to earlier approaches by SRI, RGA and Murray Irrigation to agencies, government departments and NSW Minister Niall Blair.

MIL customer meetings

Executive General Manager Water Delivery Scott Barlow will provide a start of season operational brief across the footprint next week:

- Wakool – 5 September
- Deniliquin – 6 September
- Finley – 7 September

The briefings start at 12.30pm each day and will include information relating to engineering, channel fill and maintenance and a landholder association update from SRI. A representative from Dol-Water has also been invited to provide an insight into the current level of allocation.

Water deliveries and ordering

The online water ordering system rejects orders made less than four days (96 hours) in advance because low-level channels have to be brought up to operating height. The lower levels are being employed to minimise losses and maximise efficiency and customers will be contacted if water can be delivered earlier than the four days. Meanwhile it's important to note that all online orders are reviewed daily and that the company is committed to deliver orders early, where possible. For assistance with ordering water, call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement Monday

Dol-Water's next general security allocation announcement will be next Monday 3 September. Subscribe to have the announcement emailed directly to you via [this link](#).

Invoices due Friday

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

Permanent Trade forms

Permanent Trade forms can be posted, hand delivered or scanned and emailed to register@murrayirrigation.com.au.

Note that photos of forms from a mobile phone will not be accepted.

Forms can be completed online, but they must be printed and signed before being scanned (electronic signatures are not accepted). The latest forms are available [here](#). For assistance, ask for Permanent Trade on 1300 138 265.

History of local river system

The Wakool River Association has developed a video and brochure on the geological history of the Edward-Wakool River System. The project will be launched from 7.00pm tonight (Tuesday 28 August) at the Barham Services Club.

Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Jody Swirepik, will be a special guest for the launch. For more information, contact John Lolicato on 0428 539 226.

ATO drought assistance

Did you know the ATO offers taxation help and support for farmers during drought? [Click here](#) for full details.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(28/08/18)
Vol. remaining % of entitlements 14 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 116 GL
On-farm usage 47,452 ML

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for sale 7,607 ML
Price range \$360 - \$900
Buy offer \$325
Yesterday's sales 502 ML
Price range \$350 - \$365
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

21/08/18 – 27/08/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....53; 2,828ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....19; 2,453ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....4; 375ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 13,454ML (week) 34,250ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm 15GL (61%
on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,345	10,000
Wakool Canal	334	2,350
Escape flows	334	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

21/08/18 – 28/08/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 17.6mm
Tullakool 0.2mm 17.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 3,446 GL 89 %
Hume 1,526 GL 51 %
Lake Victoria 333 GL 49 %
Menindee Lakes 178 GL 10 %
Total Storage 5,483 GL 59 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 10,231 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 9,188 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 3,320 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,284 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 78 ML/d
Flow to SA 5,630 ML/d
Murray to the sea 6 gates open

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