

Talking Water

Tuesday 18 September 2018



Murray Irrigation

Wakool Landholders' AGM

Wakool Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wakool Services Club from 7.00pm on Wednesday 26 September. For details, contact David May on 0427 539 249 or Kate Redfearn on 0417 112 162.

West Berriquin Irrigators AGM

West Berriquin Irrigators Inc. is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Sportsmans Arms Hotel in Deniliquin from 7.00pm on Thursday 4 October. For more information, contact Linda Fawns (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0409 044 754.

Interim Escapes Agreement

As reported in last week's [Talking Water](#), Murray Irrigation and WaterNSW have signed an interim Escapes Agreement.

The agreement enables WaterNSW to bypass the notorious Barmah Choke by using the Mulwala Canal to deliver water downstream. Delivering water through the Barmah Choke is inefficient and transmission losses come out of the allocation resource pool. Therefore, this agreement will have immediate benefits to Murray Irrigation water users. The company also benefits commercially through increased water use in its system.

View Friday's media release [here](#).

Dol-Water presentation online

Were you not able to get to one of Murray Irrigation's start of season operational briefings earlier this month? A copy of the Department of Industry – Water (Dol-Water) presentation has been loaded onto the company's website [here](#).

No general security allocation

General security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at zero percent. The Department of Industry – Water (Dol-Water) said in its statement yesterday that inflows in the historically wetter months of winter have continued to be low and temperatures high. Inflows for the month of August were among the lowest 11 percent on record.

View the department's full announcement, including a breakdown of available resource and an allocation outlook, [here](#). The next water allocation statement is due Monday 1 October. Subscribe directly to Dol-Water announcements [here](#).

Regional allocation summary

The following allocation summary applies to Murray Irrigation's water trading areas:

Victorian Murray (high reliability)	78 percent
Murrumbidgee (general security)	7 percent
Murrumbidgee (high security)	95 percent
South Australia (River Murray Irrigators)	100 percent
Victorian Goulburn (high reliability)	70 percent
NSW Lower Darling (general security)	0 percent

Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology outlook for October to December indicates conditions for the region are likely to remain dry with very much above average temperatures.

MDBA weekly report

The MDBA releases a weekly report which provides updates on operations, river flows, storage inflows, gauge levels, rainfall and salinity data. To subscribe, or access an archive of these weekly reports, click [here](#).

Chemical spray drift workshop

A chemical spray drift workshop is being held at the Tullakool Hall from 2.00pm to 5.00pm tomorrow (Wednesday 19 September). The workshop will include a presentation from spray drift specialist Mary O'Brien and a drought assistance debrief. The event is free with a BBQ dinner provided. RSVPs are essential. Contact Neil Bull on 0428 603 557 or E. nbull@rga.org.au.

Rice scholarship closes 13 October

Applications for the 2019 Jan Cathcart Scholarship are now open. The scholarship supports women with a connection to the rice industry in their tertiary studies. It is valued at \$10,000 a year for up to three years of study. Applications close on Saturday 13 October 2018. For full details, click [here](#).

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Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0 %
Water resource distribution 5 %
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(18/09/18)

Vol. remaining % of entitlements 17 %
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-farm balance 142 GL
On-farm usage 86 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today

Water for sale 6,088 ML
Price range \$349 - \$900
Buy offer \$330
Yesterday's sales 1,435 ML
Price range \$346 - \$349

To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

11/09/18 – 17/09/18

Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML)..... 42; 3,583ML
External buyers (No. & ML)..... 0; 0ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 25; 2,764ML
External sellers (No. & ML)..... 1; 819ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 2,240ML (week) 43,573ML (YTD)

Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm 15GL (48%
on winter crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,402	10,000
Wakool Canal	387	2,350
Escape flows	80	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

11/09/18 – 17/09/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 32.8mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 37.2mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth 3,377 GL 88 %
Hume 1,596 GL 53 %
Lake Victoria 347 GL 51 %
Menindee Lakes 162 GL 9 %
Total Storage 5,482 GL 59 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 13,356 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir 13,068 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 654 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,413 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 9 ML/d
Flow to SA 5,619 ML/d
Murray to the sea 0 gates open

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