



## SAFETY FIRST

### National Safe Work Month – road safety

October is National Safe Work Month and week one focuses on road safety. Did you know that the fatality and injury rates on country NSW roads are double that of metropolitan areas? An unavoidable part of rural living is the amount of time spent in the car. Managing remote area risks, fatigue and complacency are all strategies that will keep drivers safe. Watch this short [video on road safety tips](#).

### Water orders and daylight saving

Daylight saving starts this Sunday 7 October. For customers placing water orders ending after this date, the *Water ordering* system will automatically add an hour to the normal finish time to enable lodgement. Customer Support staff will manually adjust all orders ending after 7 October to the correct finish time. For assistance, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

### No general security allocation

General security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at zero percent. Despite attempts by Southern Riverina Irrigators, Murray Irrigation and others, the company continues to seek products, services and/or facilities to make water available to customers. View the full Department of Industry – Water (DoI-Water) announcement [here](#). The next water allocation statement is due Monday 15 October. Subscribe directly to DoI-Water announcements [here](#).

### State sharing of Murray resource

DoI-Water reports that 5,590GL of total Murray resource is available in the current 'very dry' conditions, about 1,790GL is needed to run the system, while the remaining 3,800GL is distributed to NSW and Victoria. The NSW share is about 1,030GL (after Basin Plan commitments to South Australia are deducted).

### Breakdown of carryover distribution

In response to water user requests, DoI-Water has provided additional information on the distribution of NSW Murray general security carryover water (approximately 520GL), which is equivalent to 31 percent general security entitlement. For a full breakdown, see pages 4 and 5 [here](#).

### Murrumbidgee IVT procedures

The account balance for Murrumbidgee Inter-valley Trade (IVT) is updated at 9.00am every day via the WaterNSW website [here](#). Be sure to monitor the website if you want to trade into or out of the Murrumbidgee Valley.

### BoM outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) seasonal outlook from October to December indicates that conditions over the Murray catchment are likely to be dry, particularly in October, with well above average temperatures.

### Meet John Barilaro, Austin Evans

NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro and Member for Murray Austin Evans will discuss water policy with locals at an informal 'Pollies in the Pub' event at the Deniliquin RSL Club from 6.45pm **today** (3 October). The pair will return to the club at 10am tomorrow (4 October) to continue to discuss water policy and reform at a public meeting of an alliance of regional interests. For more information, call 03 5881 7034.

### Major Projects Summit next week

Over the next three years, more than \$100 million worth of projects will be open for tender within the Edward River region. An inaugural Major Project Summit for local contractors to learn about upcoming projects, when they'll be released for tender and how to write a winning bid will be held at the Deniliquin Airport from 7am to 9.30am on Thursday 11 October. Register [here](#).

### Drought management workshops

Murray Local Land Services is holding a series of drought management workshops across the footprint this month. The workshops will address decision-making, nutrition and animal health, stock management and opportunities for both stock and crops heading into late spring and summer. Starting at 9am each day, the workshops will feature Murray LLS veterinarians, agricultural experts and other guest presenters:

- Wakool Club (5 October)
- Moulamein Bowling Club (10 October)
- Deniliquin RSL Club (11 October)
- Jerilderie Sports Club (15 October).

RSVPs are essential. Contact Murray LLS on 03 5881 9900. For full details, click [here](#).

### Announced allocation

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

### Water availability and usage

(02/10/18)  
Vol. remaining % of entitlements ..... 16 %  
On-farm (incl. WEX Volume)  
On-farm balance ..... 132 GL  
On-farm usage ..... 112 GL

### Water exchange

8.30am today  
Water for sale ..... 4,077 ML  
Price range ..... \$394 - \$900  
Buy offer ..... \$340  
Yesterday's sales ..... 1,304 ML  
Price range ..... \$390 - \$394  
**To buy water call 1300 781 431**

### Water use and trade data

25/09/18 – 02/10/18

#### Murray Water Exchange activity

Internal buyers (No. & ML).....97; 6,490ML  
External buyers (No. & ML).....0; 0ML  
Internal sellers (No. & ML).....33; 5,068ML  
External sellers (No. & ML).....1; 174ML

#### Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade 3,170ML (week) 50,746ML (YTD)

#### Crop weekly water use

ML used on farm ..... 12GL (60%  
on winter crops)

### Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	2,812	10,000
Wakool Canal	252	2,350
Escape flows	1,090	3,250

### Rainfall and evaporation

25/09/18 – 02/10/18 ..... Rain ..... Evap  
Finley ..... 0.0mm ..... 39.4mm  
Tullakool ..... 0.2mm ..... 38.2mm

### Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth ..... 3,285 GL ..... 85 %  
Hume ..... 1,543 GL ..... 51 %  
Lake Victoria ..... 361 GL ..... 53 %  
Menindee Lakes ..... 152 GL ..... 9 %  
Total Storage ..... 5,341 GL ..... 58 %

### Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)  
Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 14,379 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra Weir ..... 14,277 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge ..... 3,814 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald ..... 1,124 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy ..... 17 ML/d  
Flow to SA ..... 6,135 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.*