



SAFETY FIRST

Safety: working remotely

Working alone or remotely increases risk. It is important to ensure workers operating alone have access to clean, safe facilities and that plans are in place to access medical or emergency services if needed. For information on risk management and National Safe Work Month, click [here](#).

No general security allocation

General security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at zero percent. Yesterday's Department of Industry – Water (DoI-Water) announcement also included a general security outlook. See: <https://goo.gl/Y5Mtj4>.

The next water allocation is due Thursday 1 November. Subscribe directly to DoI-Water announcements [here](#).

Summer watering intentions

Based on the current zero allocation and climate outlook, Murray Irrigation is considering further efficiency measures to manage its channel system. To enable this, the company needs to gauge customers' summer cropping intentions and anticipated programs.

Customers are requested to complete a survey via [this link](#) or call Customer Support on 1300 138 265 by 5pm Tuesday 23 October 2018. This will help the company plan future channel flows and project any peak demand constraints.

BoM outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) seasonal outlook for November to January indicates likely below median rainfall conditions. Above average temperatures are likely to continue into early 2019.

Fees and prices schedule

Murray Irrigation has updated its fees and prices schedule to incorporate accredited escape flows. The changes are effective Friday 26 October 2018. To access the latest fees and prices, click [here](#).

Reminder: taking ordered flow

Customers should ensure they make every effort to take the full flow that they have ordered for their outlet. Outlets not taking the full flow cause operational issues downstream.

If you are having trouble taking your full ordered flow (e.g. due to high ground or end of a watering program), place a reduction in the order or call Customer Support on 1300 138 265 for assistance. Landholders who continually fail to take their ordered flow will have maximum flow restrictions placed on their outlets.

Barmah Choke trade

Trade across the Barmah Choke remains restricted to 'no net trade downstream'. This means people upstream of the Choke can only sell water to buyers downstream if the same or greater volume of water has been transferred from downstream to upstream first. The trade restriction helps to protect existing downstream entitlement holders from an increased risk of delivery shortfall due to the limited physical capacity of the Barmah Choke.

You can monitor the trade balance and activity [here](#).

Murrumbidgee IVT procedures

Trade out and within the Murrumbidgee Valley is open, but trade into the Murrumbidgee Valley is closed. The account balance for Murrumbidgee Interval 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.

New SRI and Landholder Chairs

Chris Brooks is the new Chair of Southern Riverina Irrigators. He was elected at the SRI Annual General Meeting last week, taking over from Gabrielle Coupland. Mr Brooks had been elected Chair of Berriquin Irrigators' Council earlier this month.

Darcy Hare was elected Chair of Wakool Landholders' Association and Andrew Crossley was elected Chair of West Berriquin Irrigators Inc.

Deniboota Landholders' AGM

Deniboota Landholders' Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Caldwell Hall from 7.30pm Monday 22 October. For details, contact Alastair Starritt on 0429 965 357.

Southern Growers AGM

Southern Growers Inc is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Finley RS Club from 6.30pm today (Tuesday 16 October). RSVPs and apologies can be directed to Stephanie Chappell on 0417 444 750.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and usage

(16/10/18)
YTD usage 134 GL
Weekly usage..... 12,315 ML
Weekly crop usage..... winter crops (52%)
On-farm balance 133 GL
WE in customer accounts..... 831 WE
Vol. % remaining 16%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake..... 57 ML
Mulwala Offtake 1,497 ML
Billabong Escape..... 250 ML
Edward River Escape..... 550 ML
Perricoota Escape 90 ML
Wakool River Escape 100 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 3,095 ML
Net trade YTD 60,871 ML

Water exchange data

(09/10/18 – 15/10/18)
Internal listings (No. & ML)...24; 2,767ML
External listings (No. & ML).....2; 600ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML).... 39; 3,767ML
External purchases (No. & ML)....1; 31ML

Water for sale (15/10/18).....5,822ML
Weighted average sale price.....\$371.82
Price range\$377 - \$900
Buy offer range.....\$340 - \$300

Rainfall and evaporation

09/10/18 – 15/10/18 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 53.1mm
Tullakool..... 1.0mm 52.7mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....3,203 GL.....83 %
Hume.....1,502 GL.....50 %
Lake Victoria.....391 GL.....58 %
Menindee Lakes145 GL.....8 %
Total Storage.....5,241 GL.....57 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 13,420 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 14,870 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...6,077 ML/d
M'Bidgiee d/s Balranald..... 921 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....17 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 6,002 ML/d
Murray to the sea 4 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.