

Talking Water

Tuesday 18 December 2018



Murray Irrigation

Allocation remains at zero

General security entitlements for the NSW Murray remain at zero percent. To access yesterday's Department of Industry – Water (DoI-Water) announcement, click [here](#).

The next water allocation statement will be issued on Tuesday 15 January (there will be no statement on 2 January). Contact the department [here](#) to have the announcement emailed directly.

Efforts to access an allocation

Murray Irrigation continues to meet with government to pursue every avenue for access to a general security water allocation.

Since the beginning of the month, we have met with the office of the relevant minister and we've been in frequent contact with the head of water allocations. We've also provided extensive support to the efforts of Southern Riverina Irrigators and the recently created, longer term Regional Strategy Group.

The recent downpours, while spectacular for their news appeal, have not translated into a supplementary event and the opportunity for off allocation water.

Low inflows continue

DoI-Water reports that NSW Murray inflows for November have tracked in the lowest 11 percent on record. System inflows over the last five months of this water year have been tracking in the lowest nine percent on record. For full details, click [here](#).

Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology outlook for December to February shows no clear indication of drier or wetter conditions for the catchment. Temperatures are likely to be above average.

Rebate details expected this week

WaterNSW is expected to make an announcement regarding the NSW Government's fees and charges rebate later this week. Murray Irrigation will be in touch with customers when details are confirmed.

Basin Plan report card

The MDBA has released a 'report card' highlighting six areas of high importance for successful implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. MDBA Chief Executive, Phillip Glyde, said 2019 would be a critical year for the Basin Plan, and a number of key milestones (including the finalisation of Water Resource Plans) would need

ongoing commitment from partner governments to ensure successful implementation.

To view the report card, click [here](#).

Community grants program

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network is launching a community grants program this week. Grants will be available for activities to support communities living with impacts of drought (e.g. community-orientated wellbeing activities and training or workplace development projects).

A launch event will be held at the Multi Arts Centre in Cressy St, Deniliquin from 11.30am tomorrow (Wednesday 19 December). For more information, email admin.support@mphn.org.au.

Christmas-New Year operations

Murray Irrigation Customer Support staff will continue to service customers during the Christmas-New Year period (24 December to 4 January).

Water deliveries will be uninterrupted and the Water Exchange will be operating as normal. A skeleton crew of works staff will continue to operate during the Christmas-New Year period. For any maintenance requests, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Full details will be in an *Operational update* later this week.

The next *Talking Water* will be issued on Tuesday 8 January.

MILCast operations

MILCast production and sales will be closed from 5pm Friday 21 December, recommencing on Monday 14 January.

To view the MILCast product range, click [here](#), or for assistance call 03 5888 3051.

Contacting Murray Irrigation

A reminder that Murray Irrigation provides phone support to customers from 7am to 7pm every day during the irrigation season (including during the Christmas-New Year period). Call 1300 138 265 to speak to our Customer Support team.

For water ordering queries out of these hours, leave a message and a team member will respond to you as soon as possible the next day.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(18/12/18)
YTD deliveries..... 225 GL
Weekly deliveries 4,823 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (35%)
On-farm balance 108,724 ML
WE in customer accounts..... 830,228 WE
Vol. % remaining 13%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake..... 76 ML
Mulwala Offtake 962 ML
Billabong Escape..... 250 ML
Edward River Escape..... 0 ML
Perricoota Escape 90 ML
Wakool River Escape 120 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 477 ML
Net trade YTD 69,882 ML

Water exchange data

(11/12/18 – 17/12/18)
Internal listings (No. & ML)...15; 1,024ML
External listings (No. & ML).....0; 0ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML)..... 21; 697ML
External purchases (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Water for sale (17/12/18).....2,542ML
Weighted average sale price.....\$409.89
Price range\$419 - \$500
Buy offer range.....\$400 - \$300

Rainfall and evaporation

11/12/18 – 17/12/18 Rain Evap
Finley 17.7mm 50.5mm
Tullakool..... 24.4mm 49.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,784 GL.....72 %
Hume.....1,255 GL.....42 %
Lake Victoria.....565 GL.....84 %
Menindee Lakes85 GL.....5 %
Total Storage.....4,688 GL.....51 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,186 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 14,992 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...2,616 ML/d
M'Bidgiee d/s Balranald..... 377 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....17 ML/d
Flow to SA.....7,053 ML/d
Murray to the sea 0 gates open

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