

Talking Water

Tuesday 8 January 2019



Murray Irrigation

WaterNSW rebate applied

The Fixed Fee Rebate announced by WaterNSW in August has been applied to customer accounts. The rebate is part of the NSW Government's drought relief package. For more information, call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement Tuesday

The Department of Industry – Water (DoI-Water) will issue its next general security allocation statement for the NSW Murray on Tuesday 15 January. Contact the department [here](#) to have the announcement emailed directly.

December inflows

The MDBA reports that River Murray system inflows for December totalled 234GL - well below the long-term average of 450GL. In comparison with the historical record since 1891, about 70 percent of previous Decembers have recorded higher inflows than those experienced last month.

Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a seasonal outlook for January to March [here](#).

SAFETY

Do not swim in channels

Irrigation channels are not safe places to swim or play. Regulating structures can change suddenly, and cause fluctuations in channel levels without warning. Submerged objects can be hidden below the surface and present dangers to swimmers. To ensure your safety, avoid swimming in irrigation channels.

Important agricultural land mapping

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) wants to map important agricultural land in the Riverina Murray region and it needs the support of local farmers. The mapping program will assist state and local government, other organisations and industries to recognise and value important agricultural land.

Farmers can have their say [here](#). Feedback is open until 27 January.

Four-day notice for water orders

Customers should ensure that water orders are placed at least four days in advance to guarantee delivery. 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, but customers will be contacted if water can be delivered earlier than the four days.

Basin compliance report

The MDBA's first *Murray-Darling Basin Compliance Compact Assurance Report* indicates an improvement in water rule compliance and enforcement across the Basin in the first six months of Compliance Compact operation. To view the report, click [here](#).

Climate summary - 2018

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) reports that rainfall across the Murray-Darling Basin was in the lowest 10 percent of records during 2018. Patches of NSW and Queensland set new records, experiencing their lowest yearly rainfall ever recorded.

Inflows to the Murray were well below the long-term average. River Murray system inflows for 2018 (excluding Snowy, Darling, IVT and environmental inflows) were about 2,740GL, compared with 4,540GL in 2017, 14,500GL in 2016 and the long-term average of 9,030GL. In comparison with the historical records since 1891, about 92 percent of years have recorded higher inflows than 2018.

For the sixth consecutive year, temperatures were well above average across the Basin.

Murray Irrigation offices re-open

Murray Irrigation's administrative offices have re-opened following the Christmas-New Year period. MILCast production and sales recommence on Monday 14 January. For more information, contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

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Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(08/01/19)

YTD deliveries..... 263 GL
Weekly deliveries 15,648 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (58%)
On-farm balance 92,275 ML
WE in customer accounts..... 830,228 WE
Vol. % remaining 11%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake..... 89 ML
Mulwala Offtake 2,893 ML
Billabong Escape..... 250 ML
Edward River Escape..... 1,200 ML
Perricoota Escape 90 ML
Wakool River Escape 100 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 621 ML
Net trade YTD 74,093 ML

Water exchange data

(01/01/19 – 07/01/19)

Internal listings (No. & ML).....6; 562ML
External listings (No. & ML).....1; 50ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML).... 30; 1,299ML
External purchases (No. & ML).....0; 0ML

Water for sale (07/01/19).....1,712ML
Weighted average sale price.....\$425.68
Price range\$429 - \$500
Buy offer range.....\$420 - \$300

Rainfall and evaporation

01/01/19 – 08/01/19 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 80.5mm
Tullakool..... 0.0mm 86.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....2,697 GL.....70 %
Hume.....1,117 GL.....37 %
Lake Victoria.....499 GL.....74 %
Menindee Lakes64 GL.....4 %
Total Storage.....4,377 GL.....47 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 12,398 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,625 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...2,707 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 220 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....1 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 9,667 ML/d
Murray to the sea 1 gates open

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