

Talking Water

Tuesday 15 January 2019



Murray Irrigation

Allocation announcement

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

The Department of Industry – Water (Dol-Water) will issue its next general security allocation statement for the NSW Murray on Friday 1 February.

Register for allocation updates

Customers who wish to receive Dol-Water allocations first hand are encouraged to click [here](#) and register with the department directly. Murray Irrigation will cease to redirect the announcements after February.

Efforts to secure allocation

Murray Irrigation is intensifying its efforts to secure a general security water allocation with representations to the responsible ministers and departments.

Of particular concern are increased losses associated with river operations that have driven the system beyond capacity. The company suspects those extraordinary losses have been offset by general security water which has been reduced from a forecast 14 percent in August to zero today.

Opinion: need for a Basin Plan

MDBA Chief Executive, Phillip Glyde has published an article on the continuing dry conditions in the Northern Basin and the need for a Basin Plan. View the opinion piece [here](#). Mr Glyde also published a statement about the recent fish deaths in the Lower Darling [here](#).

MILCast re-opens

MILCast production and sales have recommenced following the Christmas-New Year period. To view the MILCast product range, click [here](#), or for assistance call 03 5888 3051.

Provide 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. Customers will be contacted if water can be delivered earlier than the four days.

Annual climate statement

The Bureau of Meteorology reports that 2018 was Australia's third warmest year on record, while rainfall totals were the lowest since 2005. The *Annual Climate Statement* is the Bureau's official summary of the previous year and includes information on temperature, rainfall and significant weather. For more information, click [here](#).

Important agricultural land mapping

A reminder that 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.

SAFETY

Fire danger ratings

With extreme heat forecast for the next week, it's vital to check fire danger ratings in your area before lighting any fires (even if you have a fire permit). You can find out the latest information on fire danger ratings and fire bans [here](#).

Ricegrower scholarships available

The Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship and Peter Connor Book Award are open for application. Bursaries of either \$10,000 or \$3,000 are available through the respective programs. Find out more [here](#).

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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.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries (15/01/19)

YTD deliveries 287 GL
Weekly deliveries 23,856 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (44%)
On-farm balance 92,077 ML
WE in customer accounts 830,228 WE
Vol. % remaining 11%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 113 ML
Mulwala Offtake 3,992 ML
Billabong Escape 250 ML
Edward River Escape 1,900 ML
Perricoota Escape 90 ML
Wakool River Escape 100 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 3,990 ML
Net trade YTD 78,083 ML

Water exchange data (08/01/19 – 14/01/19)

Internal listings (No. & ML)...23; 3,354ML
External listings (No. & ML).....2; 190ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML).... 71; 3,563ML
External purchases (No. & ML)..1; 125ML

Water for sale (15/01/19).....1,598ML
Weighted average sale price.....\$427.76
Price range\$444 - \$500
Buy offer range.....\$400 - \$300

Rainfall and evaporation

08/01/19 – 14/01/19 Rain Evap
Finley 0.0mm 84mm
Tullakool 0.0mm 86.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 2,665 GL 69 %
Hume 1,059 GL 35 %
Lake Victoria 472 GL 70 %
Menindee Lakes 55 GL 3 %
Total Storage 4,251 GL 46 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 16,037 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,728 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge...2,839 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 197 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 7 ML/d
Flow to SA 8,938 ML/d
Murray to the sea 4 gates open

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