

TalkingWater

Tuesday 19 February 2019



Murray Irrigation

Autumn irrigation intentions

Planning for the company's significant works program will be heavily influenced by those locations where there is a need to deliver water. Customers who know their autumn irrigation programs are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) or call Customer Support on 1300 138 265 by Wednesday 20 February 2019. Participation is critical for customers to ensure minimum disruption and efficient operations of the system. NOTE: Channels will be drained early where no irrigation intention is indicated.

Weeds management

Weed controllers will be working throughout the footprint over the next few weeks. Organic producers who need to discuss their preferences should call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Invoices for second quarter

Second quarter charges issued recently include the WaterNSW rebate announced in December. Growers who are unsure of their rebate, resource distribution eligibility or any other aspect of their account should contact Finance through Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Allocation announcement

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

The next general security allocation statement for the region is scheduled for Friday 1 March. Customers who wish to receive Dol-Water allocations directly are encouraged to [click here](#). Murray Irrigation will cease to retransmit the announcements at the **close of this season**.

SAFETY

Future Farmers

[This resource](#) from Sydney University provides community groups with the information necessary to promote farm safety education amongst young people studying or involved in agriculture.

MDBA release on challenging outlook

The 2019-20 outlook notes the possibility that warmer and drier than average conditions will continue in parts of the Basin

next year, with environmental water managers targeting smaller allocations on critical native flora and fauna. To read the release [click here](#) or to read the full outlook paper, [click here](#).

The Big Community Muster

A suite of high profile agribusiness leaders is sponsoring a Rural Health Check-in at Deniliquin RSL on 25 February from 11.30am to 2pm. It's been promoted as an opportunity for farming communities to share experiences and discuss ways to build on resilience as well as provide practical insights to prepare farmers for the future. [Book online here](#) or for further information contact Abbie abbie.rehe@rsm.com.au

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Customer Focus Group deadline

The Customer Focus Group Feedback questionnaire is due today at 5pm. It can be completed online [here](#). All hard copies can be emailed or faxed to Murray Irrigation, details for which can be found at on the top of the questionnaire. For a reminder on the topics, here is the [Discussion Paper](#).

Works on Murray Irrigation channels

A reminder to seek permission from Murray Irrigation for any works along or near channels. Unauthorised works pose a risk to vehicles traveling along the channel bank. [Click here](#) to find out more about landholder responsibilities and works policies or call Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

RGA branch meetings

RGA is encouraging members to attend branch meetings throughout the region:

RGA Mirrool meeting –

Friday 22 February, 6.30pm at Exies Sports Club, refreshments available. Text Clinton Brill on 0429 634 323.

RGA Berriquin meeting –

Friday 1 March, 4:00pm at "Springfield" on Springfield Rd, Finley. RSVP to Rob Massina ramassina@gmail.com or 0448 999 288.

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 0%
Water resource distribution 10%
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and deliveries

(19/02/19)
YTD deliveries 394 GL
Weekly deliveries 20,504 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (45%)
On-farm balance 115,913 ML
WE in customer accounts 830,703 WE
Vol. % remaining 14%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 94 ML
Mulwala Offtake 3,409 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 -5,396 ML
Net trade YTD 79,533 ML

Water exchange data

(12/01/19 – 18/02/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) ... 60; 4,123ML
External listings (No. & ML) 1; 74ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML) 64; 3,650ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML) 14; 896ML

Water for sale (19/02/19) 4,498ML
Weighted average sale price \$497.20
Price range \$499 - \$800
Buy offer range \$460 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

11/01/19 – 18/02/19 Rain Evap
Finley 0mm 64.5mm
Tullakool 0mm 62.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 2,500 GL 65 %
Hume 874 GL 29 %
Lake Victoria 354 GL 52 %
Menindee Lakes 32 GL 2 %
Total Storage 3,760 GL 40 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 12,634 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,918 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge 2,754 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,102 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 5 ML/d
Flow to SA 7,967 ML/d
Murray to the sea 2 gates open

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