

TalkingWater

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Murray Irrigation

Autumn irrigation intentions

Murray Irrigation thanks those who responded to the 'Autumn Irrigation Intentions' survey. The information gathered from 530 participants will be crucial to the efficient operation of the system and for planning off-season works. Those who missed the survey, you can still notify Customer Support of your irrigation intentions by calling 1300 128 265.

NOTE: Channels will be drained early where no irrigation intention has been indicated.

Invoices for second quarter

Second quarter charges issued recently reflect the WaterNSW rebate announced in December. Customers 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.

MDBA releases and updates

The following links include Murray-Darling Basin Authority releases on [key water projects](#), [climate change research impact on MDB management](#) and [response to SA Royal Commission](#).

Allocation announcement

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

The next general security allocation statement for the region is scheduled for Friday this week. 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**.

New MIL Learn to Swim mascot

Murray Irrigation sponsors a yearly learn to swim initiative to increase participation in swimming teaching programs and foster water safety around channels, dams, creeks and rivers. This year, Murray Irrigation has released a new *Learn to Swim* program mascot, teaming up with the Deniliquin Pastoral Times and Intersports Bennetts for a colouring and mascot naming competition.

The competition is open to children aged nine years and below; to participate or access more details [click here](#).

Challenging climatic 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](#).

Shop for MILCast products online

MILCast staff are passionate about providing tailored customer support. For assistance or advice on the best options, call the MILCast team on 03 5888 3051 or email milcast@murrayirrigation.com.au. In the meantime, customers can use the [MILCast website](#) to research on-farm infrastructure products using shop drawings, product specifications, prices and product images.

Works on Murray Irrigation channels

A reminder to seek authorisation 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 meeting

RGA encourages its Berriquin members to attend the branch meeting this Friday 1 March, which includes a brief tour and inspection of a Koshi rice crop. A BBQ with refreshments will follow the meeting.

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.

Weeds management

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

Tweet us!

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MDB weekly report

The MDBA reports weekly on the River Murray system. [Click here](#) to access their report for last week ending 20 February 2019.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(26/02/19)

YTD deliveries 408 GL
Weekly deliveries 13,791 ML
Weekly crop usage .. summer crops (40%)
On-farm balance 103,999 ML
WE in customer accounts 830,403 WE
Vol. % remaining 13%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 108 ML
Mulwala Offtake 2,423 ML
Billabong Escape 0 ML
Edward River Escape 1,200 ML
Perricoota Escape 0 ML
Wakool River Escape 0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week -6,677 ML
Net trade YTD 72,856 ML

Water exchange data

(19/01/19 – 25/02/19)

Internal listings (No. & ML) ... 29; 2,292ML
External listings (No. & ML) 0; 0ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML) 20; 856ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML) 0; 0ML

Water for sale (26/02/19) 6,253ML
Weighted average sale price \$479.59
Price range \$460 - \$800
Buy offer range \$425 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

18/01/19 – 25/02/19 Rain Evap
Finley 0mm 68.9mm
Tullakool 0mm 69.8mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth 2,472 GL 64 %
Hume 832 GL 28 %
Lake Victoria 334 GL 49 %
Menindee Lakes 29 GL 2 %
Total Storage 3,667 GL 40 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point 12,152 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,188 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge 2,010 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,100 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 5 ML/d
Flow to SA 9,194 ML/d
Murray to the sea 2 gates open

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