

Talking Water

Tuesday 05 March 2019



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 138 265.

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

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 15 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**.

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.

BoM climate webinar

The Bureau of Meteorology is holding a webinar at 11.00am Thursday 7 March to give an in-depth analysis of recent conditions for summer 2018-19 and a rainfall and temperature outlook for autumn. Climate experts will explain what is driving the climate and how expected conditions might affect extreme weather events. Register [here](#) to access the webinar.

Challenging climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology released its climatic outlook for March to May 2019, noting that rainfall is likely to be below average with above average day and night time temperatures across eastern Australia. Read more [here](#).

Ag Technology Tour

Southern Growers is advertising an opportunity through IREC to tour around Moree and Goondiwindi, looking at how technology is used in various agricultural businesses to see better results. The tour

leaves from Griffith at 6.00am Tuesday 19 March and continues until 7.30pm Thursday 21 March. To access more details, [click here](#).

River Reach newsletter

The MDBA has released a new monthly newsletter. The publication covers current conditions of the Murray-Darling Basin and any emergent issues, actions or releases by the MDBA. This month, the MDBA looks into climate change and its impact on the Basin, a calendar summary of important dates in March and a section on their efforts to protect native fish. You can read it [here](#) and subscribe directly [here](#).

MDBA releases and updates

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

MDB weekly report

The MDBA reports weekly on the River Murray system. [Click here](#) to access the report for 27 February 2019.

MDB Economic Development Grants

The Australian Government is inviting organisations to apply for the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Grants Program. The program will support those communities identified as most impacted by water recovery under the Basin Plan. [Click here](#) for more information.

Denimein and West Berriquin meeting

Denimein and West Berriquin landholder associations will host a public meeting to discuss the immediate future of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan this Thursday (7 March) at the Deniliquin RSL at 7pm. For further information contact Jon Gatacre 0428 462 117 or Andrew Crossley 0428 575 801.

New MIL Learn to Swim mascot

Murray Irrigation sponsors a yearly learn to swim initiative to increase participation in programs that foster water safety around channels, dams, creeks and rivers. This year, Murray Irrigation has released a new *Learn to Swim* 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 up to nine years; to participate or access more details [click here](#).

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(05/03/19)
YTD deliveries 416 GL
Weekly deliveries 8,854 ML
Weekly crop usage.. summer crops (52%)
On-farm balance 101,741 ML
WE in customer accounts 830,403 WE
Vol. % remaining 12%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 108 ML
Mulwala Offtake 967 ML
Billabong Escape 0 ML
Edward River Escape 0 ML
Perricoota Escape 0 ML
Wakool River Escape 0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week 7 ML
Net trade YTD 72,864 ML

Water exchange data

(26/01/19 – 04/03/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) 27; 403 ML
External listings (No. & ML) 1; 250ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML) 39; 2,093ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML) 4; 166ML

Water for sale (05/03/19) 4,328ML
Weighted average sale price \$479.59
Price range \$425 - \$479
Buy offer range \$410 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

25/02/19 – 04/03/19 Rain Evap
Finley 0mm 72.6mm
Tullakool 0mm 74.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 2,451 GL 64 %
Hume 806 GL 27 %
Lake Victoria 316 GL 47 %
Menindee Lakes 27 GL 2 %
Total Storage 3,600 GL 38 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 9,858 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,121 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge 1,111 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 315 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 5 ML/d
Flow to SA 9,056 ML/d
Murray to the sea 2 gates open

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