



Water orders and daylight saving

With Daylight Saving Time (DST) ending on Sunday 7 April 2019 orders already in the system will be manually adjusted to the correct time. For more information or assistance with orders contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

Sustainability Product

Murray Irrigation launched 10,000ML of water as a *Sustainability Product* yesterday, offered for sale to its shareholders at a rate significantly below recent prices. Expressions of interest will open tomorrow. Full details are available on the website [here](#).

End of season system closure

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes will close at 8.00am on Wednesday 8 May to commence major off-season works. The comprehensive response to the *Autumn Irrigation Intentions Survey* has been a key planning resource for the winter works program. The major off-season works will be the last in the PIIOP program which has seen Murray Irrigation's largest major infrastructure upgrade.

To manage the system closure effectively, the Water Delivery team is focusing on:

- **Retaining water in the system** – where channels do not need to be drained, water will be kept in the channels to reduce filling time next season
- **Progressing with in-season works where possible** – where no intention or demand is registered, channels will be drained early to facilitate early works schedules
- **Delivering customer orders** – all orders made by the cut-off will be delivered.

Read more in a previous *Talking Water* [here](#).

Quarterly statements

Statements for accounts will be sent to customers this week. If your statement shows an outstanding amount that you believe is already paid, contact Finance via Customer Support. When paying statements, confirm the BPay reference number. If paying by direct deposit, use your Customer Account Number as the reference. NOTE: the December quarter will be out of terms on 31 March 2019.

Updated fees and prices

Murray Irrigation's *Fees and Prices Policy* has been updated to reflect the April 2019 *Sustainability Product*, information on which was released by Murray Irrigation yesterday. You can find the update on the website [here](#).

You spoke, we listened

A range of valuable feedback was collated at the Customer Focus Group meetings held last month. Murray Irrigation last week released [this bulletin](#) to highlight the most significant messages.

Allocation announcement

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

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

Niall Blair resignation

Niall Blair, former Minister for Primary Industries, upon being re-elected to the NSW Upper House over the weekend has formally resigned from the front bench but will remain in Parliament. *The Land Newspaper* article detailing the reasons for his resignation is available [here](#).

Local farmer at Basin and Eggs

Water scarcity was a global challenge, and the rest of the world was looking to Australia for solutions, a consulting water specialist has told an MDBA breakfast seminar. The seminar – one in a series being held - explores a range of topics including the importance of planning and managing limited water resources. Local Barham farmer, Katrina Myers, spoke at the breakfast. The MDBA description of the seminar can be read [here](#).

Young Farmer Business Program

The Young Farmer Business Program is holding a *Bank Savvy* workshop at the Wakool Services Club from 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 March. Brad Sewell, an agricultural finance specialist, will walk attendees through negotiating and applying for finance, guarantors and investor set ups. Dinner is provided. For more information, [click here](#).

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	0%
Water resource distribution	10%

(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and deliveries

(26/03/19)

YTD deliveries	437 GL
Weekly deliveries	7,657 ML
Weekly crop usage .. summer crops (36%)	
On-farm balance	84,245 ML
WE in customer accounts	831 WE
Vol. % remaining	36%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake	241 ML
Mulwala Offtake	1,243 ML
Billabong Escape	70 ML
Edward River Escape	241 ML
Perricoota Escape	0 ML
Wakool River Escape	0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week	-415 ML
Net trade YTD	72,900 ML

Water exchange data

(19/03/19 – 25/03/19)

Internal listings (No. & ML)	28; 1,250 ML
External listings (No. & ML)	1; 40ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML)	32; 825ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML)	6; 456ML

Water for sale (26/03/19)	6,253ML
Weighted average sale price	\$494.30
Price range	\$490 - \$600
Buy offer range	\$460 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

19/03/19 – 25/03/19	Rain	Evap
Finley	0mm	50.5mm
Tullakool	3.6mm	50.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	2,444 GL	63 %
Hume	631 GL	21 %
Lake Victoria	246 GL	36 %
Menindee Lakes	21 GL	1 %
Total Storage	3,342 GL	36 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point	11,580 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir	8,360 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge	2,360 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald	381 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy	1 ML/d
Flow to SA	8,005 ML/d
Murray to the sea	2 gates open

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