



## MDBA conveyance loss report

The MDBA has [released](#) a comprehensive [report into conveyance water losses in the River Murray system](#) between Hume Dam and the South Australian border. The report explains how system losses vary each year, due to a range of variable conditions and how the MDBA works to minimise losses and operate the river as efficiently as possible.

## Updated fees and prices

Murray Irrigation's *Fees and Prices Policy* has been updated to reflect the exciting April 2019 *Sustainability Product*. You can find the updated *Fees and Prices* schedule [here](#) and the release explaining the changes [here](#).

For more information on the *Sustainability Product* [click here](#).

## Water orders and daylight saving

With Daylight Saving Time (DST) ending on Sunday 7 April 2019 (essentially 'losing' an hour) the system will automatically compensate for this 'loss' by bringing your finish time forward. Customer Support will manually adjust all orders finishing after Sunday 7 April to the correct time for channel operation. For more information or assistance with orders contact Customer Support on T. 1300 138 265.

## Allocation announcement

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

The next general security allocation statement for the region is scheduled for Monday 15 April. 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**.

## Sustainability Product

Murray Irrigation launched 10,000ML of water as a *Sustainability Product*, offered for sale to its shareholders at a rate significantly below recent prices. Expressions of interest will close 5.00pm today (Tuesday 2 April). 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 invoices, confirm the *BPay* reference number. If paying by direct deposit, use your Customer Account Number as the reference. NOTE: the December quarter was out of terms on 31 March 2019.

## MDBA River Murray Weekly Report

The MDBA reported rainfall across most of the Basin for the week finishing 27 March. The report notes that climatic conditions are gradually easing and transfers from Dartmouth to Hume Reservoir have ceased. You can see a rainfall map by accessing the report [here](#).

## Rewarding biodiversity on farm

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud has announced new programs which would see farmers receive incentives for a range of projects to improve biodiversity on farms. Under the *Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Program* farmers will receive incentives for projects that boost biodiversity and absorb carbon. Additional money will be spent creating a biodiversity certification scheme to see the initiative impact farmer profits. Read more [here](#).

## Announced allocation

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

## Water availability and deliveries

(02/04/19)	
YTD deliveries .....	446 GL
Weekly deliveries .....	8,818 ML
Weekly crop usage .. summer crops (56%)	
On-farm balance .....	77,233 ML
WE in customer accounts .....	831 WE
Vol. % remaining .....	9%

## 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 .....	477 ML
Net trade YTD .....	73,377 ML

## Water exchange data

(26/03/19 – 01/04/19)	
Internal listings (No. & ML) .....	18; 1,075 ML
External listings (No. & ML) .....	0; 0 ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML) .....	26; 638 ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML) .....	4; 201 ML

Water for sale (01/04/19) .....	4,184 ML
Weighted average sale price .....	\$473.51
Price range .....	\$477 - \$600
Buy offer range .....	\$400 - \$315

## Rainfall and evaporation

25/03/19 – 01/04/19 .....	Rain .....	Evap
Finley .....	6.9mm	38.4mm
Tullakool .....	0.0mm	43.3mm

## Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)		
Dartmouth .....	2,446 GL .....	63 %
Hume .....	582 GL .....	19 %
Lake Victoria .....	222 GL .....	33 %
Menindee Lakes .....	20 GL .....	1 %
Total Storage .....	3,342 GL .....	35 %

## Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)	
Murray @ Doctors Point .....	9,497 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra Weir .....	7,831 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge .....	1,992 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald .....	454 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy .....	1 ML/d
Flow to SA .....	7,950 ML/d
Murray to the sea .....	1 gates open

*This information is provided for general reference purposes only. Murray Irrigation takes best endeavours to ensure accuracy. It is collated at 8.00am Tuesdays and is subject to change.*