



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 and how the MDBA operates the river.

Updated fees and prices

Murray Irrigation's *Fees and Prices Policy* now includes the April 2019 *Sustainability Product*. You can find the updated *Fees and Prices* schedule [here](#) and a release explaining the changes [here](#).

For more information on the *Sustainability Product* [click 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.

The customer portal is changing!

The Customer Support team has been working tirelessly with the MIL Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) team and using feedback from customer focus groups to create a customer portal for next season that will be vibrant and functional. Updates will be posted each week in *Talking Water*, describing new functions and how customer feedback has helped shape the portal's development and more. Stay tuned!

River Reach newsletter

The second instalment of the new MDBA monthly newsletter is available [here](#)! This month *River Reach* investigates how the MDBA is planning for future water use and partnering with communities. You can subscribe directly [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.

Allocation announcement

General security allocation 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 15 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**.

End of season system closure

The 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 PIOP program which has seen Murray Irrigation's largest major infrastructure upgrade.

Read more [here](#).

Water Resource Plan progress videos

The MDBA have released its second video featuring Carl Binning, Executive Director, Partnerships, explaining the Basin's 33 water resource plans and how they are progressing. You can find that video [here](#).

If you haven't seen the first video instalment, you can find it [here](#).

BoM report for Feb - Mar

Rainfall was low throughout the Murray-Darling Basin, particularly in the north of the region. Accessible volumes also decreased at 15 sites while staying steady in three.

Read the whole report [here](#).

Rewarding biodiversity on farm

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud has announced new programs that will 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

(09/04/19)

YTD deliveries	457 GL
Weekly deliveries	10,996 ML
Weekly crop usage .. summer crops (57%)	
On-farm balance	71,578 ML
WE in customer accounts	831 WE
Vol. % remaining	9%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake	185 ML
Mulwala Offtake	1,590 ML
Billabong Escape	50 ML
Edward River Escape	185 ML
Perricoota Escape	0 ML
Wakool River Escape	0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week	-237 ML
Net trade YTD	73,140 ML

Water exchange data

(02/04/19 – 09/04/19)

Internal listings (No. & ML).....	25; 506 ML
External listings (No. & ML).....	1; 7ML
Int. purchases (No. & ML).....	50; 2,212ML
Ext. purchases (No. & ML).....	3; 216ML

Water for sale (08/04/19).....	2,269ML
Weighted average sale price.....	\$484.5
Price range	\$499 - \$600
Buy offer range.....	\$400 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

02/04/19 – 08/04/19.....	Rain	Evap
Finley	0.0mm	44.2mm
Tullakool	0.0mm	46.9mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth.....	2,446 GL.....	63 %
Hume.....	550 GL.....	18 %
Lake Victoria.....	202 GL.....	30 %
Menindee Lakes	19 GL.....	1 %
Total Storage.....	3,217 GL.....	35 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point	10,111 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir.....	7,283 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge.....	1,584 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	356 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....	1 ML/d
Flow to SA	7,826 ML/d
Murray to the sea	12 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.