



Safety during Winter Works

Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes closed last week, signifying the start of major off-season construction. The works, including 24 PIIOP sites and hundreds of maintenance tasks will increase foot and road traffic. The Infrastructure team will be inspecting and repairing over 400 public bridges across the entire footprint, meaning traffic control plans will be in place to keep construction workers and the public safe. Keep in mind that repairs underneath bridges could render workers invisible. Be vigilant, be cautious and follow speed limits and traffic signs.

Only permitted personnel are allowed onto construction sites, but if you have any questions about works in your area, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265.

Customer Meetings

Murray Irrigation are holding a series of customer meetings, planned for June. The content of these meetings will be season recapping and forecasting and informing on the Winter Works program, including the new maintenance model. There will be guest speakers from WaterNSW and NSW Department of Industry – Water presenting at each of the meetings. The company will also be rolling-out a suite of new customer products that benefit customer businesses and leverage the company's water portfolio. More details to come.

Rice Extension: Women in Rice event

Rice Extension are holding a [Women in Rice luncheon](#) in Finley on 14 June 2019. Funded by RGA and the Commonwealth through AgriFutures, Rice Extension regularly host initiatives and events designed to develop leaders in the rice industry. Follow them on [Twitter](#) to stay up-to-date.

Murray-Darling Basin weekly report

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) reported an increase of one percent in River Murray storages last week, moving from 33 percent to 34 percent. The increase reflected significant rainfall across much of the Basin last week. Read more [here](#).

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 statement for the region is scheduled for Wednesday 15 May. Want to receive Dol-Water allocations directly?

[Click here](#). Murray Irrigation will cease to retransmit the announcements at the **close of this season**.

Planning for next season?

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.

New Entitlements Contract

As part of a Board objective to strengthen Murray Irrigation's governance arrangements, the company is conducting a full review of its contracts, policies and procedures. As part of that review, opportunities to improve the *Entitlements Contract* (version 19) and *Transfer Rules Policy* have been identified.

The amended documents provide a suite of improved conditions which directly benefit customers. Marked-up versions, showing all amendments made, and a summary of changes are available on our website [here](#).

Returning signed Entitlements Contracts

- When returning signed *Entitlements Contracts*, complete both copies and send back **both entire contracts**, not just the final two pages
- Registered owners cannot witness each other's signatures
- It is imperative you only sign on lines relevant to you
- Customers sending contracts incorrectly signed, missing pages or only single copies will be contacted by the Permanent Trade team.

Closure dates for trade

Below are key dates for the closure of internal and external annual trade for the 2018/19 season:

- **5.00pm Monday 17 June** – closure of Water Exchange
- **5.00pm Thursday 20 June** – closure of external transfers to/from Murray Irrigation
- **11.59pm Sunday 23 June** – closure of internal annual transfers and access to water accounts through the customer portal
- **9.00am Monday 1 July** – reopening of Water Exchange and customer water accounts.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(14/05/19)
YTD deliveries 500 GL
Weekly deliveries 11,348 ML
Weekly crop usage .. annual pasture (37%)
On-farm balance 66,672 ML
WE in customer accounts 830 WE
Vol. % remaining 8 %

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 0 ML
Mulwala Offtake 0 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 -12 ML
Net trade YTD 71,984 ML

Water exchange data

(07/05/19 – 13/05/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) 25; 549 ML
External listings (No. & ML) 0; 0 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML) 20; 375 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML) 4; 34 ML

Water for sale (14/05/2019) 3,305 ML
Weighted average sale price \$502.08
Price range \$548 - \$700
Buy offer range \$490 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

07/05/19 – 13/05/19 Rain Evap
Finley 3.6mm 16.2mm
Tullakool 8.6mm 15.5mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 2,465 GL 64 %
Hume 447 GL 15 %
Lake Victoria 199 GL 29 %
Menindee Lakes 17 GL 1 %
Total Storage 3,128 GL 34 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 3,401 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,018 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge 995 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 366 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 1 ML/d
Flow to SA 3,434 ML/d
Murray to the sea 1 gates open

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