

TalkingWater

Tuesday 28 May 2019



Murray Irrigation

Customer Meetings

In June, Murray Irrigation will hold a series of customer meetings to recap the season, forecast and advise on our Winter Works program - including the new maintenance model. A suite of new customer products will also be announced. Guest speakers include representatives from WaterNSW and NSW Department of Industry – Water who will update stakeholders on the drought outlook and water availability. You can find more information on their presentations [here](#). Customer meetings will be held at:

Monday 3 June 11.30am	Finley Football Club
Tuesday 4 June 9.30am	Deniliquin Golf Club
Wednesday 5 June 12.30pm	Wakool Services Club

Safety during Winter Works

The Winter Works have commenced with the Infrastructure department inspecting and repairing over 400 public bridges and the PIIOOP team upgrading 24 water delivery assets along the major canals. Here are some key safety considerations:

- Avoid using channel banks for commuting
- Work sites are for construction personnel only; if you need access, the site supervisor's contact details are listed at the entrance on an info board
- Follow speed limits – particularly over bridges as workers may be invisible

Call Customer Support on 1300 138 265 if you have any questions or concerns.

Foreign ownership of land and water

Foreign residents who own agricultural land and certain water rights are required to register these rights with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Foreign status can apply to either a natural person or a legal entity, such as a company or trust, but essentially, a person will be classified as 'foreign' if they are not an Australian resident for tax purposes. For full details, see the ATO's website [here](#).

Murray Irrigation also has legal obligations to the ATO. The company must periodically determine whether it is, has become, or has ceased to be, a foreign person. To assist with this requirement, we're asking all shareholders complete a short [survey](#) by 30 June. Alternatively, contact Customer Support on 1300 138 265 for assistance.

Murray LLS workshop

In collaboration with Irrigation Australia, Murray Local Land Services (LLS) are providing local producers the opportunity to attend a Centre Pivot and Lateral Move Irrigator two-day workshop. Designed for those thinking about new irrigation systems plus existing users, the workshop will cover a range of topics. Register [through this link](#) or call Adrian Smith on 0447 778 515.

The customer portal is changing!

The Water Delivery team will be unveiling the new portal at the customer meetings in June. This will be an opportunity for customers to see new key features including an updated look and feel! [Click here](#) and [here](#) to see examples of what the new customer portal home page will look like. It incorporates a host of new features, one of which is the ability to bundle water parcels into one transaction.

Customer Support during winter

The irrigation season is now finished. Phone support for customers will change to 7.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday until the start of the new season. Customer Support can be contacted on 1300 138 265 during these hours, or if you wish to leave a message outside these hours, we will respond to you as soon as possible within business hours.

Returning Entitlements Contracts

Updated versions of both the *Entitlements Contract* and *Transfer Rules Policy* have been mailed to customers.

When returning a signed *Entitlements Contract*, complete both copies and send back **both entire contracts**, not just the final two pages. Keep in mind registered owners cannot witness each other's signatures. It is imperative you only sign on lines relevant to you. All contracts incorrectly signed, missing pages or single copies will be contacted by the Permanent Trade department.

Barmah Choke at positive balance

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) executive director of River Management, Andrew Reynolds, said the trade balance at the Barmah Choke on 1 July 2019 is expected to be just above 25 gegalitres. The rules of trade across the Barmah Choke are governed by the MDB Agreement between the Commonwealth and state governments. To read the full article, [click here](#). For more info on the restrictions and how the opening balance of the Barmah Choke is calculated, [click here](#).

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(28/05/19)
YTD deliveries..... 500 GL
Weekly deliveries 275 ML
Weekly crop usage.....storage (65%)
On-farm balance 67,784 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 -470 ML
Net trade YTD 73,374 ML

Water exchange data

(21/05/19 – 27/05/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) 2; 40 ML
External listings (No. & ML) -3; -389 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML) 6; 193 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML) 2; 90 ML

Water for sale (28/05/2019)..... 2,544 ML
Weighted average sale price \$551.24
Price range \$570 - \$700
Buy offer range \$550 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

21/05/19 – 27/05/19 Rain Evap
Finley 2.3mm 18.3mm
Tullakool..... 8.4mm 19.4mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,473 GL......64 %
Hume.....462 GL......15 %
Lake Victoria.....239 GL......29 %
Menindee Lakes16 GL......1 %
Total Storage.....3,190 GL......34 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,727 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,057 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge..... 979 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 678 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... 1 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 3,734 ML/d
Murray to the sea 1 gates open

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