

Talking Water

Tuesday, 4 June 2019



Murray Irrigation

Winter Works safety

Winter Works are underway and require drivers to follow all traffic management advice to ensure their safety and that of our employees.

There have been several incidents where drivers have not followed this advice and have placed themselves and staff in danger.

Road crews from the Roads and Maritime Services recently issued a video plea to drivers to slow down around work sites.

Watch the video [here](#).

Murray Irrigation policy positioning

Murray Irrigation's Board met recently to finalise our 2025 Strategic Plan and policy positions. Information about our policy positions has now been emailed to our shareholders.

These positions will form the basis of our discussions with the relevant stakeholders including state and federal ministers and government departments and agencies.

Please contact our Customer Support team on T. 1300 138 265 if you have not received a copy of this information.

NSW Minister for Water visits region

Murray Irrigation recently met with the newly appointed NSW Minister for Water, The Hon. Melinda Pavey and Deputy Premier, The Hon. John Barilaro during their recent visit to the region.

The meetings paved the way for ongoing communication about matters that affect our business and shareholders.

Customer meetings underway

Customer meetings commenced in Finley on Monday, and Deniliquin on Tuesday in conjunction with the NSW Department of Industry - Water (Dol-Water) and WaterNSW.

Murray Irrigation will conduct a standalone customer meeting at 12.30pm, Wednesday, 5 June at the Wakool Services Club.

Shareholders will also hear about the launch of 'WaterWell' – our new suite of products that will benefit customers. You can access an introductory video [here](#).

Drought update from Dol-Water

Dol-Water has reported that the drought is intensifying across the state. The NSW Government is increasing its drought

management measures to protect the water in our river systems for critical needs.

The following valleys recently moved into new drought stages:

- Macquarie – stage 4 (critical)
- Border Rivers, Gwydir, Peel, and Belubula – stage 3 (severe)
- Murray, Murrumbidgee and Lachlan – stage 2 (emerging)

The Lower Darling, Lower Namoi and Barwon-Darling remain on the highest level – stage 4 critical drought.

Updates will be provided during the customer meetings being held this week.

Water metering information sessions

The NSW Government is putting new non-urban water metering rules in place. The new rules will come into place over the next five years, affecting larger water users first.

Dol-Water will hold information sessions across NSW in the middle of the year to help water users understand the rules. Further information can be found [here](#).

Customer portal is changing

Murray Irrigation's updated customer portal will be unveiled during the customer meetings this week. Customer are reminded that the changes will come into effect in June.

[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

With the irrigation season 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.

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Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(04/06/19)
YTD deliveries..... 500 GL
Weekly deliveries 12 ML
Weekly crop usage.....storage (42%)
On-farm balance 75,557 ML
WE in customer accounts..... 830 WE
Vol. % remaining 9 %

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 5,893 ML
Net trade YTD 79,267 ML

Water exchange data

(28/05/19 – 03/06/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) 5; -69 ML
External listings (No. & ML) 1; 19 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML) 5; 63 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML) 0; 0 ML

Water for sale (04/06/2019)..... 2,431 ML
Weighted average sale price \$540.48
Price range..... \$560 - \$700
Buy offer range..... \$455 - \$315

Rainfall and evaporation

28/05/19 – 04/06/19 Rain Evap
Finley 3.0mm 13.8mm
Tullakool..... 8.0mm 12.1mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....2,482 GL......64 %
Hume.....506 GL......17 %
Lake Victoria.....256 GL......38 %
Menindee Lakes16 GL......1 %
Total Storage.....3,260 GL......35 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 2,682 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 4,503 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge..... 9790 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 635 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy......1 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 3,318 ML/d
Murray to the sea 4 gates open

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