



Channel filling program on schedule

The Winter Works program is on schedule. Offtakes opened last week on Wednesday 24 July and ordered water is planned for delivery no later than Wednesday 15 August.

Water operations 2019/20 season

The company has sufficient resources to supply customers in the upcoming season. The season will open in 'Drought Mode' of operation. This is required to ensure the system is operated as efficiently as possible and returns are maximised. The Season Operating Plan offers greater detail on modes of operation and the services Murray Irrigation will offer this season. It will be available soon.

Key elements of 'Drought Mode':

- Channels will only be filled where orders have been made
- Six days' notice will be required for water orders – this will allow channel heights to be raised to operational levels
- Customers must call Customer Support to arrange stock and domestic supply.

What customers need to do:

- Place water orders as early as possible. [Click here](#) to place an order or call Customer Support on 1300 138 265
- Contact Customer Support if you require stock and domestic supply.

Murray Irrigation will:

- Map customer demand on our channel system so that when water becomes available from the main canal, we will prioritise filling channels where there is demand
- Review all placed orders daily and deliver earlier than six days where possible
- Contact customers to advise when orders can be bought forward to an earlier date or time
- Provide flexibility, where possible, to meet customers' irrigation needs
- If pulsing for stock and domestic, advise customers on channels that water is available for stock and domestic needs
- Approve pumping from channels for stock and domestic water in certain circumstances.

WaterWell Update

The Board recently endorsed management recommendations for 2019/20 irrigation season:

- Five percent Allocation Advance will be available to customers once one percent general security allocation is reached.
- Five percent Water Users Credit will be applied to eligible customers
- A Sustainability Product will be available to customers
- Resource Distribution will be allocated when conveyance savings are realised.

For further information on the WaterWell, [click here](#).

Winter Works continue

Drivers are reminded to slow down and follow all traffic management plans during Winter Works, even if staff working on site aren't immediately visible.

As part of the works, the following bridges were deemed unsafe and have been closed. Customers have been notified:

- Lower Finley Rd – restoration works commenced 15 July 2019.

Please note repairs on Piney Road Bridge and Old Berrigan Rd Bridge have been completed. Both accesses have been reopened.

Phil Endley announced as new CEO

Phil brings a wealth of local and international industry experience to Murray Irrigation and will commence work on Monday, 5 August 2019. Read more [here](#).

MDBA weekly report – 24 July 2019

MDBA active storage increased by 115 GL to 3,541 GL (42 percent capacity). Transfers from Dartmouth to Hume Reservoir are continuing in preparation of future system demands downstream of Hume. Read the full report [here](#).

Red Cross mental health workshops

Australian Red Cross has received funding to run 14 four-hour Mental Health Matters workshops across the footprint. The first workshop is in Berrigan at 5.00pm on Wednesday 14 August at the CWA Rooms. [Click here](#) for more information. If you are keen to help organise other workshops in the region's west, contact Lyndall Home on 0438 852 610.

Announced allocation

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

Water availability and deliveries

(30/07/19)
YTD deliveries 0 GL
Weekly deliveries 0 ML
Weekly crop usage (0%)
Customer account balance 57,185 ML
WE in customer accounts 828,238 WE
Vol. % remaining 7 %

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake 300 ML
Mulwala Offtake 1,250 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 -636 ML
Net trade YTD -8,145 ML

Water exchange data

(29/07/19)
Internal listings (No. & ML) 5; 156 ML
External listings (No. & ML) 0; 0 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML) 2; 30 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML) 0; 0 ML

Water for sale 1,108 ML
Weighted average sale price \$615
Price range \$600 - \$800
Buy offer range \$513 - \$400

Rainfall and evaporation

23/06/19 – 29/07/19 (weather.csiro.au)
..... Rain Evap
Finley 19.6mm 11.0mm
Tullakool 14.4mm 14.0mm

Storages*

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth 2,407 GL 62 %
Hume 1,020 GL 34 %
Lake Victoria 369 GL 54 %
Menindee Lakes 15 GL 2 %
Total Storage 3,811 GL 41 %

Rivers*

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 4,043 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 8,075 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge 2,975 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald 1,155 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy 1 ML/d
Flow to SA 10,625 ML/d
Murray to the sea 6 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.

*Data sourced from [Murray Darling Basin Authority](#).