



MIL meets with Ministers Pitt and Ley

Murray Irrigation's Chairman and Policy Manager met in Canberra today with the new Federal Minister for Resources and Water, Keith Pitt, and Federal Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley.

Murray Irrigation's Chairman, Phil Snowden, said he was impressed with Minister Pitt's understanding of the issues facing MIL customers, especially around water reliability.

Autumn Irrigation Intentions program

A reminder for customers to let us know their watering intentions for the Autumn season, so we can plan our channel and drainage program over this period.

In line with our Season Operating Plan, channels with no demand will not be filled, it's therefore important that you let us know what you intend to do, so we can plan accordingly.

Please complete the survey, which can be accessed [here](#), by Wednesday, 26 February 2020.

Please call Customer Operations on 1300 138 265 if you need any help completing the survey.

December Quarter invoices due

December 2019 Quarter invoices are due this Friday, 28 February 2020.

Please contact the Finance team via Customer Operations on 1300 138 265 if you have any queries.

Mental Health Workshop

The Australian Red Cross is offering free mental health workshops following the success of the previous workshop held in Blighty.

You can call our Customer Operations team on 1300 138 265 if you would like to organise a free workshop for your community.

Customer Focus Groups

The Customer Focus Group meetings are now complete - thank you to everyone who hosted and participated in a session.

There were 19 meetings held over the past two weeks, with 137 customers representing 316 landholdings, providing feedback.

This feedback will be presented to the Board and will be available to customers in the coming weeks.

Blue-green algae alert

Warnings have been issued for high levels of blue-green algae (BGA) in Lake Mulwala, Mulwala Offtake, Mulwala Canal and the Murray River downstream from Yarrawonga to Tocumwal.

Further information can be accessed [here](#).

Hard copies of BGA facts sheets are available at the Deniliquin and Finley offices.

Farmer of the Year 2019

Congratulations to local farmers, Peter and Renee Burke, on taking home The Weekly Times Coles 2019 Farmer of the Year and Cropping Farmer of the Year awards.

These awards will join their crop year 2019 SunRice Grower of the Year award, which they received in December 2019.

Find out more [here](#).

Basin Communities Leadership Program

Applications are now open for Murray-Darling Association's Basin Communities Leadership Program.

This program aims to develop leadership capacity and create regionally driven economic development initiatives, against a backdrop of changing water availability and ongoing drought.

For more info, click [here](#).

Announced allocation

Class C General Security	0%
Allocation Advance.....	5%
Water resource distribution	2%

(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and deliveries

(25/02/20)

YTD deliveries.....	220,890 ML
Customers.....	53,966 ML
DPIE Deliveries.....	12,101 ML
WaterNSW Deliveries.....	154,824 ML
Weekly Deliveries.....	4,101 ML
Weekly crop usage..95% (Horticulture/other)	
Customer account balance.....	78,544 ML
WE in customer accounts.....	825,207 WE
Vol. % remaining	10%

Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake.....	72 ML
Mulwala Offtake	370 ML
Billabong Escape.....	0 ML
Edward River Escape.....	0 ML
Perricoota Escape.....	100 ML
Wakool River Escape.....	0 ML

Water trade data

Net trade week.....	-386 ML
Net trade YTD.....	-16,472 ML

Water exchange data

(24/02/20)

Internal listings (No. & ML).....	15;698 ML
External listings (No. & ML).....	0;0 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML).....	23;728 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML).....	8;325 ML

Water for sale @ 24/02/20.....	5,236 ML
Weighted average sale price.....	\$523
Price range @ 24/02/20.....	\$520 - \$800
Buy offer range @ 24/02/20.....	\$515 - \$450

Rainfall and evaporation

18/02/20 – 24/02/20 (weather.csiro.au)

.....	Rain	Evap
Finley	0mm	60.3mm
Tullakool.....	0mm	67.6mm

Storages*

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Dartmouth	1,803 GL ↓	47 % ↓
Hume	508 GL ↓	17 % ↓
Lake Victoria	267 GL ↓	39 % ↓
Menindee Lakes.....	6 GL	0.3 % ↓
Total Storage.....	2,584 GL ↓	27 % ↓

Rivers*

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)

Murray @ Doctors Point	7,876 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir	7,023 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge.....	1,224 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....	1,535 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....	0 ML/d
Flow to SA.....	6,009 ML/d
Murray to the sea	1 gate open

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