



## Daylight savings

Daylight saving ends on Sunday, 4 April 2021.

For customers placing new water orders that will end after this date, the water ordering system will automatically reduce the order by an hour to enable lodgement.

Customer Support staff will manually adjust all existing orders ending after 4 April to the correct finish time for the channel system.

For more information or assistance with orders please contact us.

## Easter operating hours

Customer Operations will continue over the Easter period.

Business hours are from 7.00am to 7.00pm, 7 days a week, and phone messages will be responded to until 10pm each night.

Emergencies, such as major infrastructure failures, significant flooding or safety risk, can be reported 24/7 by calling Murray Irrigation's emergency line, 1300 657 313.

## Operating Mode

Last week we sent a Customer update explaining how our Winter Operating Mode will impact customer's, and how we can still deliver water to those that are not in a planned maintenance zone.

Our maintenance strategy and our Winter Operating Mode aims to maximise water access and improve system efficiency over the long term.

You can read the full briefing [here](#).

## Flexible Water Ordering

Flexible Water Ordering may give customers an opportunity to adjust their order starts, stops and changes outside of standard operating hours to suit their irrigation needs.

Several factors will determine the level of flexibility available, including the impact on third parties, the current level in the channel and the lead time of the request.

While we do our best, flexibility is not guaranteed.

To guarantee delivery, four days' notice is required.

You can read more about Flexible Water Ordering [here](#).

## Shareholder briefing

Murray Irrigation issued a Shareholder briefing last week about the NSW Government's stance on a bypass around the Choke.

Phil Snowden, Chairman of Murray Irrigation, said the Government has announced that they will not support a new Choke bypass and will engage with Murray Irrigation to improve use of the existing infrastructure.

This is positive news for our region; you can read the full briefing [here](#).

## Fee free Chemical Card Plus training

RuralBiz Training is now offering their Chemical Card Plus training in an online format, fee-free for eligible NSW participants.

They are also offering some face-face training options.

To register, or for more details, click [here](#).

## RRES – Round five

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (RRES) offers Australians in rural areas access to higher education, worth up to \$18,000.

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

Last issued quarter – Two (Dec)  
Issue date – Friday, 22 Jan 2021  
Due date – Monday, 1 Mar 2021  
**Sustainability Product and December 2020 invoices - overdue, Stop Supply.**

## Last week's edition

- Autumn irrigation intentions
- Weeds in channels
- Discharge of drainage water
- Easter operating hours
- Farm safety
- Drought Assistance

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security.....50%  
Allocation Advance.....5%  
Water resource distribution ..... 6%  
(issued against Delivery Entitlements)

## Water availability and deliveries

(30/03/2021)  
YTD deliveries.....694,911 ML  
Customers.....457,659 ML  
DPIE Deliveries.....22,243 ML  
WaterNSW Deliveries.....215,009 ML  
Weekly Deliveries.....6,388 ML  
Weekly crop usage.....45% (winter crops)  
Customer account balance.....315,105 ML  
WE in customer accounts.....821,396 WE  
Vol. % remaining.....38%

## Channel flows today

Wakool Offtake ..... 741 ML  
Mulwala Offtake ..... 931 ML  
Billabong Escape ..... 0 ML  
Edward River Escape.....200 ML  
Perricoota Escape..... 0 ML  
Wakool River Escape..... 0 ML

## Water trade data

Net trade week.....4,395 ML  
Net trade YTD.....41,455 ML

## Water exchange data

(29/03/2021)  
Internal listings (No. & ML).....5;563.40 ML  
External listings (No. & ML).....0;0 ML  
Int. purchasers (No. & ML)...16;1,192.70 ML  
Ext purchasers (No. & ML).....0;00.00 ML

Water for sale @ 29/03/21.....8,558.93 ML  
Weighted average sale price..... \$75  
Price range @ 30/03/21..... \$80 - \$300  
Buy offer range @ 30/03/21..... \$80 - \$72

## Storages\*

[mdba.gov.au](http://mdba.gov.au)  
Dartmouth .....2,455 GL ↑ ..... 64 % ↑  
Hume ..... 1,460 GL ↑ ..... 49 % ↑  
Lake Victoria ..... 193 GL - ..... 29 % -  
Menindee Lakes.....299 GL ↑ .....17 % -  
Total Storage.....4,407 GL ↑ .....48 % ↑

## Rivers\*

Murray @ Doctors Point.....8,815 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir.....6,904 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge ..... 1,116 ML/d  
M'Bidgie d/s Balranald ..... 1,143 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy.....236 ML/d  
Flow to SA .....5,239 ML/d  
Murray to the sea .....7 gates open

\*This information is provided for general reference purposes only. We take best endeavours to ensure accuracy.

## Resource links

[MDBA weekly report](#)  
[NSW Water allocation statements](#)  
[Rainfall and evaporation](#)  
[Barmah Choke trade balance](#)