

## Operations – Staffing & Covid-19

Like many businesses across Australia, and no doubt many of your own businesses, Murray Irrigation is currently experiencing the combined effects of Australia's lowest unemployment rates in 50 years leading to a severe candidate shortage in the recruitment market and the ongoing impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic as it plays out across our communities.

The current situation has been identified as one of the company's key operational risks. Vacancies are challenging to fill after months of recruitment efforts due to the shortage.

Murray Irrigation is currently seeking to replace 10 staff vacancies across a wide range of roles, from field staff to skilled engineers and customer service operational staff.

The continued effects of Covid in our communities impacts from both a staff leave perspective and mandatory isolation requirements. Unfortunately, these impacts are also being felt by the contractors we would normally call on to provide extra resourcing to deliver our services and key projects.

We will continue working hard to ensure the high level of service that is expected by our customers is not impacted, however, we ask that you bear with us and appreciate your patience and cooperation

if any delay in service is experienced.

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the MIL team or discussing these available roles, please email [recruitment@murrayirrigation.com.au](mailto:recruitment@murrayirrigation.com.au)

We will keep you informed of any developments, such as increased timeframes for key operations.

## Summer water delivery

Water delivery over the summer period increased by 50% compared to the 2020/21 season, with an additional 124GL delivered.

Results below show the volumes of water delivered across the top 5 crop types.

	2020/21	2021/22
<b>Rice</b>	160,156ML	246,674ML
<b>Summer crops</b>	47,341ML	49,373ML
<b>Cotton</b>	11,024ML	14,213ML
<b>Permanent Pasture</b>	10,289ML	9,717ML
<b>Wetlands</b>	5,430ML	39,628ML

Data from 1 November – 31 March.

## In other news

### Cotton Production Tour

Bus tour for producers who may be considering cotton as a summer cropping option, 13 April 2022. For more information click [here](#).

## Announced allocation

Class C General Security..... 110%  
Allocation Advance.....8%  
Water resource distribution ..... 6%

## Water availability and deliveries\*

(05/04/2022)

Supplementary Licence..... 121,704 units  
Supplementary Diversions.....121,704 ML  
Supplementary Deliveries.....94,726 ML  
YTD deliveries..... 760,477 ML  
Customers..... 660,787 ML  
DPIE Deliveries ..... 82,346 ML  
WaterNSW Deliveries.....17,344 ML  
Weekly Deliveries.....34,356 ML  
Weekly crop usage.....(Annual Pasture) 48%  
Customer account balance..... 448,246 ML  
WE in customer accounts..... 810,153 WE  
Vol. % remaining..... 55.3%

\*Provisional data

## Channel flows today\*

Wakool Offtake.....900 ML  
Mulwala Offtake.....4,450 ML  
Billabong Escape.....21 ML  
Edward River Escape..... 1,087 ML  
Perricoota Escape.....0 ML  
Wakool River Escape .....0 ML

\*Includes DPIE Deliveries

## Water trade data

Net trade week..... 490 ML  
Net trade YTD..... 38,981 ML

## Water exchange data

(04/04/2022)  
Internal listings (No. & ML).....31;5,640 ML  
External listings (No. & ML)..... 0;0 ML  
Int. purchasers (No. & ML).... 51; 3,925 ML  
Ext purchasers (No. & ML)..... 0;0 ML

Water for sale @ 04/04/22.....15,541 ML  
Weighted average sale price..... \$16.00  
Price range @ 05/04/22..... \$14.75 - \$200  
Buy offer range @ 05/04/22..... \$12.40 - \$8

## Storages\*

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Dartmouth ..... 3,595 GL ↓.....93 % -  
Hume ..... 2,631 GL ↓.....88 % ↓  
Lake Victoria..... 445 GL ↓.....66 % ↓  
Menindee Lakes.....1,785 GL ↓..... 100 % -  
Total Storage.....8,456 GL ↓.....91 % ↓

## Rivers\*

Murray @ Doctors Point ..... 14,577 ML/d  
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir ..... 7,528 ML/d  
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge..... 2,109 ML/d  
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 8,082 ML/d  
Darling @ Burtundy..... 6,317 ML/d  
Flow to SA..... 19,596 ML/d  
Murray to the sea ..... 42 gates open

\*This information is provided for general reference purposes only. We take best endeavours to ensure accuracy. This data was correct as at 1pm, Tuesday, 5 April 2022

## Resource links

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

## Water Delivery Performance For the period 29/03/22 – 05/04/22

