



Murrumbidgee Irrigation

DPI Water Allocations

Stock & Domestic	100%
Town	100%
High Security	100%
General Security	100%

+4% MI addition allocation to eligible customers

Storages at 26 April 2017

Burrinjuck	63%
Blowering	64%

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NEWS IN BRIEF

APRIL 2017 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS: Amendments to Water Delivery and Water Entitlement Contracts - Effective 1 July 2017

We have made some changes to our Water Entitlements and Water Delivery Contracts. The changes are to ensure that our contracts are consistent with section 23 of the Australian Consumer Law which was extended in November 2016 to protect small businesses from unfair terms in standard form contracts. We have also made some minor changes to update terms and improve readability.

Details of the amendments, including an explanation of the changes, are located at the following link on our website www.mirrigration.com.au/Customers/Contracts-Rules or by contacting us on 02 6962 0200.

NBC expansion approved

The project to expand the Northern Branch Canal (NBC) will go ahead in the upcoming winter shutdown period. This project extends our area of operations into Ballandry Station and will bring more water to the area, deliver higher flow rates for NBC customers and reduce costs for all customers in the longer term.

Last year we used government funding (PIIOP2) to undertake modernisation works on the NBC in order to improve its flow capacity. This involved upgrading regulators from the offtake near Yenda to Blackgate Escape on the northern end of the canal.

The new suite of works will further increase the flow capacity of the NBC and is being jointly funded by customers. When complete the NBC will be able to deliver up to 750ML per day - more than double the original capacity.

New Regulator Gates arrive for Main Canal Refurbishment

We are preparing for the \$15 million dollar refurbishment of our Main Canal. Draining the Main Canal will commence from 26 May and it will not be completely re-filled until early August. During the refurbishment all the regulating structures in the Canal will be upgraded. The most critical being the total replacement of Roaches Regulator near Yanco.

Given the extent of the shutdown we have been working with Local Councils for some time to ensure Town Water Supply needs can be met. With Town Water Supply secure we are now working with customer and commodity group stakeholders to identify opportunities to hold up water for other critical winter needs. As part of this process we are looking at how we can schedule our works in order to hold up water and minimise shutdown times in different parts of the network.

Regular updates will be provided on our website www.mirrigration.com.au and in our monthly Customer Newsletter.



Over 90 regulator gates will be installed during the winter works program.



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Fixed Charges

Fixed charges accounts will be issued at the end of April and will be due to be paid by the end of May. These fixed charges are for the 2016/17 season, and will come under the current 2016/17 Schedule of Charges, which are on our website: www.mirrigration.com.au/Customers/Schedule-of-Charges

If you'd like to discuss payment options, including payment plans, contact us on (02) 6962 0200.

Next season's charges (2017/18) will come under our new pricing structure, which is currently being finalised.

Pricing project update

We are working to finalise the new prices by the end of April. However, we have already started talking to customers who we know have a large number of outlets and/or very few Delivery Entitlements.

As part of this discussion we are working with customers to understand their operational needs and where possible streamline the number and size of their outlets through amalgamation, size reduction, or decommissioning.

If you have questions about our pricing project, please call our Customer Services team on (02) 6962 0200 or email info@mirrigration.com.au.

Meet the "On-Farm" team at the Riverina Field Days

There is still time to access government funding to increase productivity and improve on-farm water efficiency. If you haven't already taken up the offer, come and talk to our staff at the Riverina Field Day's on 12 and 13 May at the Griffith Show Grounds.



Meet the on-farm works team, Bart, Pam and Michael, at the Riverina Field Days.

Funding is available for:

- Conversion to high-tech irrigation,
- Soil moisture monitoring,
- Laser levelling,
- Stock and domestic systems, and
- On-farm metering.

The On-Farm program involves exchanging water entitlements for on-farm infrastructure. The Australian Government is funding the program and is currently offering \$2,300/ML for General Security (Category 1) water entitlements and \$4,400/ML for High Security (Category 3) water entitlements that are exchanged as part of the program.

For more info visit the On-Farm team at the Riverina Field Day on 12-13 May – alternatively see the Modernisation section of our website or contact MI's On-farm Team directly:
Phone - (02) 6962 0200
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