



# Murrumbidgee Irrigation

## Dept of Industry Water Allocations

AS AT 1 AUG 2018

Stock & Domestic	100%
Town	100%
High Security	95%
General Security	6%

## Storages at 29 AUGUST 2018

Burrinjuck	40%
Blowering	75%

## EASYWATER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**AGM:** The twentieth Annual General Meeting of shareholders will be held on Monday 12 November at Griffith Exies Club. Registration is from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

### Shareholder resolutions:

The window for submission of shareholder resolutions is now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 10 September.

Our privacy statement can be downloaded from our website: [www.mirrigration.com.au](http://www.mirrigration.com.au)

Contact us if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

AUGUST 2018 Newsletter

## Water delivery update

With the final touches being put on modernisation works in the Sturt Canal, Benerembah, Wah Wah, Tabbita, and Warburn, it has been a juggling act to ensure that we could meet the increasing customer demand for water deliveries as winter stayed dry.

Our staff worked alongside contractors, over weekends, and on rotation, to ensure that our works were completed on, or ahead of schedule. With some customers needing water as soon as possible for lagging winter cereal crops, we have had to use structures before their final commissioning, and this has had its own challenges.

As water flows pick up, and without feedback on channel levels or remote site control at pre-commissioned sites, we have increased risks of spills and/or escape losses.

Localised flooding occurred in a section of a canal on Wilga Road, and a handful of other isolated sections of the network. For Wilga Rd, the flooding occurred because water moved faster than anticipated overnight. In other parts of the network Roly-poly weeds blocked channels contributing to localised flooding.

For the Roly-Poly's our response is to prioritise the physical removal (typically by backhoe or mini-excavator) where supply impact is deemed highest, however there is a large source of the plants still on properties and repeat works is occurring in some areas.

## Modernisation update

**Automation:** Our automation program is on schedule, with the majority of regulators being upgraded in Warburn, Tabbita, Sturt Canal and Benerembah now complete and automation finished in Bilbul, Widgelli and Wah Wah. The remaining works will be complete by the end of September.

**Expansion works:** The majority of canal expansion works have now been completed. There are five remaining structures, one in Benerembah and four in the Tabbita area which are due for completion over the next month. We will continue to work with customers to ensure supply is not impacted.

**Rehabilitation:** Earth channel rehabilitation works are completed in the Leeton area, including over 7.1 km of channel at Stony Point Rd, Brobenah Rd, Yanco and GBC1.

**Farm outlets:** As part of our modernisation program we are installing new, and upgrading, metered farm outlets so they are automation ready. For more information about our Outlet Automation Program contact us on 6962 0200.



Automated regulator, Sturt Canal



Automated farm outlet

## Transition to automation

Our Sturt Canal, Warburn, Benerembah, Tabbita, Wah Wah, Bilbul and Widgelli structures will transition from manual to automated operation over the next few months. During this time there may be some fluctuations in supply as individual structures are commissioned. Please contact your Division Operator if you experience supply difficulties.

## Winter maintenance

Our staff have been working together over the past two months, to plan and carry out our annual winter maintenance program. Works included vegetation and silt removal, rebuilding channel banks to repair seepage and erosion, and Roly-Poly removal.



*Extensive desilting works on the Sturt Canal*

**Let's talk business.**

We are hosting a free information session delivered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors

### You can learn about:

- The role of directors (especially for small companies)
- Compliance requirements
- Good governance and decision making

**26 September - 1.30pm to 5pm**

Register your interest before 14 September by emailing [info@mirrigation.com.au](mailto:info@mirrigation.com.au). For further information see [www.mirrigation.com.au](http://www.mirrigation.com.au) or phone (02) 6962 0200

## Wah Wah Stock & Domestic Pipeline Project

Pipelaying on the Wah Wah Stock & Domestic Pipeline Project is well advanced, with 225km in the ground, out of a total of 273.7km. All pipe laying should be completed in the first week in September and the Project remains scheduled for completion in late 2018. If you have any questions about Wah Wah Stock & Domestic, contact us on (02) 6962 0200.

## Usage charges overdue

Usage charges accounts for 2017/18 are now overdue. A reminder that interest accrues on overdue accounts, and new fees also apply to over drawn water accounts. Keep an eye on your account through EASYWATER. If you'd like to discuss payment options, including payment plans, please contact us on 6962 0200.

## Safety message: slow down near emergency vehicles

From 1 September 2018, a new road rule will commence to improve the safety of emergency workers when they are stopped on the road. The new rule requires motorists to slow down to 40km/h when passing a stationary emergency vehicle displaying blue or red flashing lights.

The new rule also requires motorists to give way to any person on foot in the immediate area of the emergency vehicle. Motorists should not increase their speed until they are a safe distance past the vehicle, so as not to cause a danger to anyone in the vicinity.

For more information visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/slow-down-for-emergency-vehicles>

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Bureau of Meteorology - dry July

The Bureau of Meteorology reported that last month was the 12th driest July on record for the Murray-Darling Basin. The average rainfall was just 12.6mm and river inflows were in the lowest five percent on record at about 254GL.