

May 2023 update



Murrumbidgee Irrigation

What's happening with the season?

After a much wetter than usual start to the 2022/23 season, water deliveries have picked up considerably over the past five months.

The wet end to 2022 resulted in significant access to Supplementary Water followed by high (100%) river allocations.

Customers across the MIA have taken advantage of the improved conditions since December last year to produce a wide range of food and fibre crops.

This includes larger nuts, cotton, summer cereals, summer oilseeds, and summer pasture crops than last season.

There were similar sized crops for citrus, rice, and vines.

Our recent customer cropping survey is indicating another big winter cropping season ahead.

This means we will be working with customers to make full use of our modernised network to meet the winter demand and deliver water, when customers need it in the best way possible.

Our Winter Works over the next few months will ensure that we are ready to go for a big season ahead.



Water delivered

Item (GL)	YTD April
Water deliveries	523
Enhancements	48



Water delivery - monthly totals

(ML)	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23
By month	6,271	3,015	3,590	5,351	24,464	113,936	138,705	122,381	92,870	12,542
Cumulative	6,271	9,286	12,876	18,227	42,691	156,627	295,332	417,713	510,583	523,125



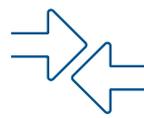
Customer accounts

Allocations are sitting at 100% for general; high security and town licences



Supplementary water delivered to customers

24 GL



Allocation trade volumes YTD

Into region:
84 GL
Out of region:
168 GL



Landholdings

3,119



Area planted to specific crops

YTD 24 May 2023	
Crop	Total area (ha)
Citrus	7,197
Cotton	13,626
Nuts	8,691
Other crops	209
Other fruits	1,022
Plantation	9
Rice	21,034
Summer cereals	1,945
Summer oilseeds	760
Summer pasture	1,457
Vegetables	1,585
Vines	16,597
Winter cereals	12,494
Winter oilseeds	1,991
Winter pasture	2,272

NB: YTD refers to year to date from 1 July 2022.

What's happening with customers?

Full Winter Works program



Taking advantage of the cooler months, our winter program of automation, repairs, and scheduled maintenance to irrigation infrastructure is spread across the entire MIA.

The major projects this Winter Works period will be the automation of outlets and regulators across the MIA, as part of our ongoing Automation Project, as well as construction on the new 5,000 ML Roach's Surge Reservoir near Yanco.

Roach's Reservoir is due to be completed by the end of this year, with the full suite of Automation Project works to be delivered by June 2024.

Our maintenance program will continue in parallel with our automation works over the next few months. These works include channel bank repairs, desilting and pump shed maintenance.

Water outages in the areas where there are planned works will vary and a key focus is to minimise impacts to water supply for customers.

Residential Connections deliver water in best way possible

Our new Residential Connections Program is for customers with water entitlements who require water for use on an area up to 1 Ha. This new supply option will enable us to deliver eligible customers their water in the best way possible.

We have introduced this product as part of our unmetered upgrade program, with all Murrumbidgee Irrigation outlets required to be either metered or supplied through a restricted connection by June 2024, under the Off-farm Efficiency Program.

We have a support package available to help existing customers who choose to transition to a Residential Connection.

What's happening with the environment?

Doing things differently to tackle Alligator Weed



Alligator Weed has extremely vigorous growth and poses a major threat to irrigation systems. The potential costs to irrigation farming in the MIA have been estimated to be \$250 million a year if Alligator Weed growth is uncontrolled.

We have upped the ante in the fight against Alligator Weed in recent months with spraying and monitoring via helicopter, boat, and side-by-side vehicles. Another control measure which is proving to be effective is the use of alligator weed curtains in channels, to stop the spread of seed.

We will soon be introducing the use of drones, as an additional surveillance and control measure.

What's happening with MI? Board changes

Independent Director, Steve Whan, resigned from the MI Board before he ran for, and was subsequently successful in winning, the seat of Monaro in the recent State election.

Steve was appointed as an Independent Director in March 2021 and has been a valued contributor to our Company throughout his tenure.

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