



Murrumbidgee Irrigation

Dept of Industry Water Allocations

AS AT 15 APRIL 2018

Stock & Domestic	100%
Town	100%
High Security	95%
General Security	41%
MI Additional water to eligible customers	4%

Storages at 30 April 2018

Burrinjuck	39%
Blowering	47%

EASYWATER

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Important dates:

Fixed charge accounts

Early May

Winter shutdown for Sturt Canal, Benerembah, Wah Wah, Tabbita, and Warburn

Commence draining

29 May

Final water orders

25 May

Limited winter watering

19-27 June

Supply recommence

Mid August

(See fact sheet on web)

Our privacy statement can be downloaded
from our website: www.mirrigration.com.au

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

APRIL 2018 Newsletter

New look consolidated billing

Our new look fixed charges accounts will be sent out to customers in early May. Along with the new look we have made some changes to make life easier for customers with multiple properties.

If you have more than one property or account and they all belong to a single legal entity (e.g. a company or partnership) you will now receive a single combined 'Customer' invoice – instead of one invoice per property or account.

The invoice will have a combined statement page as well as information relating to each account. The new customer charge (which replaces the old landholding charge) will only be applied once (not once per account as previous).

In addition you will have the option to pay the charges for all of your accounts using a new single BPAY code which will be included on your invoice.

Winter Works 2018 supply interruption from end of May

(see the Fact Sheet on website for further information)

STURT CANAL, BENEREMBAH, WAH WAH, TABBITA, AND WARBURN:

We have a significant program of modernisation works on the Sturt Canal and South Western parts of the network, which will involve a complete shutdown and draining. There will be an extended shutdown for 11 weeks, until mid-August. During this time there will be no access to water, other than the winter watering period.

- Final orders - 11am, 25 May
- Commence draining - 29 May
- There will be a limited winter water available for critical crop needs 19-27 June
- We will recommence supply in mid August

MAIN CANAL: Other than limited channel rehabilitation and patching works at Tharbogang, there are no major works scheduled on the Main Canal this year. Sections will be drained to allow for annual maintenance and some capital works. There will be intermittent access to water throughout June and July.

DOMESTIC (INCLUDES IHS): Customers should aim to be self-sufficient during this period. If you have a dam or storage, ensure is full before the winter shutdown period starts and take the opportunity to top up when water is available. Contact us on (02) 6962 0200 if you are concerned about your ability to access water during the winter works period.

TOWN: There will be no impact on town water supplies.

Department of Industry (DI) water allocations

Murrumbidgee general security allocation has increased by 3%, bringing the total this year (2017/18) to 41% of entitlement. At this early stage, DI Water forecast general security entitlements to commence the new water year (1 July 2018) with at best a low allocation. The latest DI Water Allocation Statement is available on our website.

South-West Modernisation works update

Modernisation works are continuing in-season throughout the south-western part of our network, as part of our shift to automation.

We have made provisions to pump around structures to enable construction activity while we continue to deliver water.

In season works are focused on Bilbul and smaller structures in Widgelli, Wah Wah, Tabbita and Benerembah.

Yanco Stock & Domestic Project

The Yanco Stock & Domestic Project involves the replacement of aging open channels with a piped network, and will commence in June 2018.

As part of the project we are realigning the network to current customer needs. Land rehabilitation and beautification works will be undertaken where channels are removed or piped. The project will be completed by late 2018.

A combination low pressure (pumped) and gravity piped system is being installed to allow for the removal of open channels. The works will include:

- Replacement of 6 km of earthen channel with 4.3km of low pressure and gravity pipeline
- Rationalisation of 19 bridges and culverts
- Rationalisation of 9 regulators, escapes and offtakes
- Channel vegetation removal, and
- Remediation works.

For more information see the Yanco Stock & Domestic Fact Sheet on our website www.mirrigation.com.au



Photo: One of the open channels near Dallas Street, Yanco due to be replaced.

Rice Industry Leadership Program 2018-20 Foundations of Leadership Course

Applications are now open for the Foundations of Leadership Course.

This program has been developed by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation in conjunction with the RGA, aimed to develop future industry leaders.

Applications close Friday 11 May.

Session will be held on 28 May to 1 June, at Deniliquin, and 3 to 5 July 2018, at Leeton.

For more information or to apply for the Foundations of Leadership course please visit the RGA website: <http://www.rga.org.au/education.aspx>

Safety update – driving safety

Avoiding wildlife on the road has an element of luck, while there are ways to minimise your chances of hitting wildlife.

- SLOW DOWN and be prepared to stop
- DON'T SOUND THE HORN this can startle kangaroos, and make them panic and change direction
- DON'T SWERVE Brake heavily in a straight line and steer. Try to gently swerve, but only once you've slowed down and if it's safe to do so; you're better off hitting a kangaroo than ending up off the road having a bigger crash
- STOP if you can do so safely. You never know what the animal will do next

If you find an injured animal, report it to WIRES - Phone 1300 094 737