



# Murrumbidgee Irrigation

## Dept of Industry Water Allocations

AS AT 15 JULY 2018

Stock & Domestic	100%
Town	100%
High Security	95%
General Security	5%

## Storages at 31 JULY 2018

Burrinjuck	40%
Blowering	72%

## EASYWATER

[www.mirrigration.com.au](http://www.mirrigration.com.au)  
Freecall 1800 822 450

## Usage charges due date extended to 17 August.

Usage charges accounts were issued later than expected in July, and the due dates have been extended to 17 August 2018.

Fixed charges accounts for 2017/18 are now overdue. A reminder that interest accrues on overdue accounts.

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

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

JULY 2018 Newsletter

## Supply interruptions draw to close

We are ramping up supply across the MIA, with interruptions due to modernisation works on the Sturt Canal and South-Western parts of the network, and maintenance on the Main Canal, drawing to a close.

- **Sturt Canal, Benerembah, Wah Wah, Tabbita, and Warburn:** commence refilling on 6 August. It will take up to a week to reach full supply.
- **Main Canal:** resume full supply by 6 August.

Water orders can be placed through EASYWATER, using the regular ordering methods. For further enquiries, customers can contact us on (02) 6962 0200.

The next Department of Industry - Water, annual allocation announcement is due on Wednesday 1 August. Further information is available on our website [www.mirrigration.com.au](http://www.mirrigration.com.au).

## Works updates

**Automation:** Our automation program is on schedule. The majority of regulators and outlets being upgraded in Widgelli, Warburn, Tabbita, Sturt Canal, Benerembah and Wah Wah are now complete and automation is finished in Bilbul. The remaining works will be complete by the end of September. We will work with customers to ensure supply is not impacted.

**Expansion works:** Canal expansion works are on track in the Sturt Canal, Benerembah, Wah Wah, Warburn and Tabbita, with 19 structures set to be completed by 6 August. The remaining 5 structures will be finished over the coming weeks. We will work with customers to ensure supply is not impacted.



Photo: Capacity increase works, Brown Road.

**Rehabilitation:** Earth channel rehabilitation works are well advanced in Leeton. Over 3.5 km of channel at Stony Point Rd, Brobenah Rd and Stanbridge have been completed and further rehabilitation works will continue over the coming weeks.

**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.

**Lateral 147:** Pipeline replacement works on Lateral 147 at Tharbogang were completed on schedule.



Photo: Capacity increase works, Drew Road.



Photo: Capacity increase works, Brogden Road.

## Information session: Setting up and running a company

We will be hosting a 'running a company' information session in late September, which will be delivered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The session will cover:

- General information about running a business via a company structure
- Key features of a company
- How to set up a company
- Ongoing responsibilities of business owners
- Directors' legal requirements
- Governance
- Finance & strategy considerations for Directors, and much more.

The session will be of interest to customers who already use a company structure, or who are considering setting one up. It will also be a great networking opportunity.

More information will be advertised in the coming weeks.

## Safety update: fog lights

When driving, front and rear fog lights must only be used in fog or rain, or when conditions such as smoke and dust limit your vision. It is a legal requirement that once conditions improve and you can see more clearly, the front and rear fog lights are switched off. For more information on the use of lights on NSW roads, visit: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/lights-and-horns.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/lights-and-horns.html)

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Farmers invited to have their say in finding affordable electricity solutions

Irrigators are encouraged to share with researchers their experiences around securing affordable electricity. A study looking into options to provide better access to more affordable energy, for those on the land, is being conducted by Cotton Australia, NSW Irrigators' Council and Queensland Farmers' Federation.

The project is exploring the challenges agricultural producers face in installing solar generation assets on farm and their ability to feed excess energy back into the grid. For further information, or to complete the online survey visit <https://goo.gl/forms/LLHcGirF2QiK9DrC2>, or phone research partner Kriti Nagrath of the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney on (02) 9514 4399.

### 2018 Rice R&D update

The 2018 Rice Research & Development update is being hosted by Rice Extension and AgriFutures Australia on 7 and 8 August in the Yanco Institute Dining Room.

Researchers, advisors, agronomists and interested growers will have the opportunity to share knowledge and ideas, and network. The event is catered, so please register before Friday 3 August, by emailing [gplunkett@rga.org.au](mailto:gplunkett@rga.org.au).