



Murrumbidgee Irrigation

Dept of Industry Water Allocations

AS AT 17 SEP 2018

Stock & Domestic	100%
Town	100%
High Security	95%
General Security	7%

Plus 3% MI additional to eligible customers

Storages at 27 September 2018

Burrinjuck	41%
Blowering	67%

EASYWATER

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Allocation update:

- NSW Gov. Murrumbidgee GS allocation increased by 1% to 7% of entitlement on 17 Sept.
- The average carryover is 22%.
- System inflows into the Murrumbidgee valley are well below the long term average - in the lowest 4% on record.
- BOM forecast to December indicates conditions are likely to remain dry with very much above average temperatures.

AGM The 20th Annual General Meeting of MI shareholders is on Monday 12 November at the Griffith Exies Club. Registration is from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

2018 Annual Report

Our 2018 Annual Report is now available on our website.

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

SEPTEMBER 2018 Newsletter

Automation across the MIA

Structures across our network 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 us on (02) 69620200 if you experience supply difficulties.

There are four main stages for automation implementation:

1. 'Dry Commissioning'. Regulators are in place and manually operated by a person in field at the control pedestal.
2. 'Wet Commissioned' and 'Host Engineered'. Regulators are monitored and operated by a person in the field using a tablet, or from the Control Centre at the Hanwood office.
3. 'Channel Automation'. Channels are progressively switched to automated control using the Total Channel Control (TCC) software.
4. 'Outlet Automation'. Farm outlets are integrated with the TCC.

Project areas status:

- **Bilbul, Widgelli and Sturt Canal to Gum Creek Road** - all regulators are commissioned and operating in TCC. We are currently monitoring and tuning their operation.
- **Benerembah, Warburn, Wah Wah and Outfall Channels and laterals** - regulators are being wet commissioned in preparation for TCC.

All current automation projects are expected to be commissioned and operating in TCC by late December 2018 with monitoring and performance testing in early 2019.

MI enhancement 2018/19

We have provided a 3% enhancement (additional annual water allocation) to eligible customers. In a very dry year it is pleasing to announce an additional water allocation.

It is unlikely our conveyance allowance will be full this year and we will continue to review our position over the next few months. If you are eligible for the additional water allocation, it will have been automatically credited to your water allocation account (See EASYWATER).

Our 3% enhancement is available to customers who hold more than 250 delivery entitlements (excludes Town, WWSD and Cudgel Creek pricing groups).



Above: Sturt Canal regulators before commissioning

Below: Flume gates at Bilbul are now operating in total channel control mode



Wah Wah Stock & Domestic Pipeline Project

Pipelaying on the Wah Wah Stock & Domestic Pipeline Project is nearing completion, with 263km of pipes in the ground, out of a total of 273.7km.

The last 11km of pipe will be installed in October and the Project remains on track for completion in December 2018.

If you have any questions about Wah Wah Stock & Domestic, contact us on (02) 6962 0200.

Below: Pipelaying is nearing completion at Wah Wah.



Main Canal/Mirrool Creek floodgate works

Works will soon commence on the reinstatement of floodgates near the East Mirrool Regular.

Griffith City Council's Draft EMR Emergency Breaching Protocols and Decision Support Framework report is also currently out on public exhibition.

An electronic copy of the report is available on the Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Anyone wishing to make a submission on the report can do so in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Submissions are due by 4 October 2018.

NSW Water fees rebate

Last month, as part of its Emergency Drought Relief Package, the NSW Government announced that it will provide financial assistance of up to \$4,000 to all general security and supplementary water access licences in rural and regional NSW.

The rebate will apply to the State Government fixed component of bills for general security and supplementary water entitlement holders including for customers of Irrigation Corporations.

Customers don't need to apply for this rebate as it will be automatically applied to your next bill.

Environmental Improvement Program - focus on Metolachlor

As part of our compliance with our Environmental Protection Licence, we work with the NSW EPA to take a targeted approach to water quality monitoring. Through this program we have identified increased levels of the chemical Metolachlor in our drainage system.

Please control all farm drainage containing pesticide residues, including Metolachlor, by using on-farm drainage recycling and refer to the Metolachlor label directions for information on the safest way to use this chemical.

Safety message

Mobile phone road rules: demerit point increase

In NSW, drivers who use a mobile phone illegally will be penalised five demerit points. The penalty was increased from four to five demerit points on 17 September.

Fully licensed drivers can only use a mobile phone while driving if the phone is either in a cradle fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure your view of the road, or it can be operated without touching any part of the phone.

For more information see: www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/mobilephones/know-the-rules.html

INDUSTRY NEWS

Foundations of Directorship Course

The RiceGrowers' Association (RGA) is hosting an Australian Institute of Company Director's (AICD) 'Foundations of Directorship' course at Tocumwal from Monday 10 December to Wednesday 12 December.

The course will cover Governance, Finance and Strategy for Directors. Contact RGA for further information.

Jan Cathcart Scholarship 2019

Applications are now open for the 2019 Jan Cathcart Scholarship for women in the rice industry who are undertaking tertiary studies.

The scholarship is aimed at female students with backgrounds in the rice growing industry or with ties to SunRice and is valued at \$10,000 per year for up to three years of study.

Applications close 13 October 2018. For further details see: <https://careers.sunrice.com.au/scholarships/>