

AUGUST 2019 Newsletter

WATER ALLOCATIONS

NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment as at 15 August 2019:

- Stock & Domestic 100%
- Towns 100%
- High Security 95%
- General Security 3%

STORAGES 29 AUGUST 2019:

- Burrinjuck 32%
- Blowering 52%

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AGM date

The twenty first Annual General Meeting of shareholders will be held on Monday 11 November 2019 at the Leeton Soldiers Club, Yanco Avenue, Leeton. Registration is from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Water delivery update

With the final touches being put on modernisation works in the Northern and Eastern regions, we are now moving water around the network to meet orders.

This is the third year in a row of extensive modernisation works, and this winter they included further automation, channel lining and structure upgrades, and the ongoing installation of new, and upgraded, metered farm outlets to be automation ready.

Appreciating this is a challenging period due to the ongoing drought and low allocations, the works are ensuring we capture every last drop and are ready for when allocations turn around.

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

Usage charges

Unpaid usage charges accounts for 2018/19 are now overdue. Interest accrues on overdue accounts and they also incur a \$270 late fee, so please contact us on (02) 6962 0200 to discuss payment options, including payment plans.

Winter maintenance

Over the past three months we have been carrying out our annual winter maintenance program in sync with modernisation works.

Works included vegetation and silt removal, and rebuilding channel banks to repair seepage and erosion. Windy conditions over the past few weeks has also seen an increase in Roly-Poly weeds across the network, and we have been removing them before they build up and block channels.



Shareholder resolutions

The window for submission of shareholder resolutions for the AGM is now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 9 September.

Call for nominations for Member-elected directors

Nominations for one A and one B Class Director will open on Monday 9 September 2019. Candidates need to complete a nomination form and provide information on qualifications and relevant experience. Candidates must be nominated and seconded by shareholders in the relevant class.

A nomination form and information pack are available from the Company Secretary, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited, 86 Research Station Rd, Hanwood.

Ph: (02) 6962 0200

Email: info@mirrigration.com.au

Nominations close 5pm Monday 23 September 2019.

Ground water bores

If you are considering constructing ground water bores on your property please remember to comply with our Development Rules.

Shallow Bores cannot be installed within 40 metres of our infrastructure, and deep bores cannot be installed within 20 metres. The Development Rules are available on our website www.mirrigration.com.au/Customers/Contracts-Rules, or for further enquiries contact us on (02) 6962 0200.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Season outlook presentation

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment presented a season outlook followed by a Q&A at the Griffith Exies last week.

The presentation included current allocations status, how allocations and high priority needs are determined, and the water availability outlook for 2019-20. The Murrumbidgee Valley has recently improved to Stage 1 drought criticality, which puts the area in a better situation than most other water sources in NSW, who currently range between Stage 2 and 4 drought critically.

The most recent Murrumbidgee Valley Water Allocation Statement can be found at: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability.



Neeraj Maini from The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and Water at the Griffith Exies last week.