

### WATER ALLOCATIONS

Dept. of Industry, 17 September 2018

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

Plus 3% MI additional to eligible customers

### STORAGES

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- Burrinjuck 32% • Blowering 27%

### EASYWATER

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### LVBC expansion project

We are currently investigating the opportunity to undertake works that would increase the capacity of the Lakeview Branch Canal (LVBC) system. The capacity increase would enable the delivery of more water and at higher flow rates through the replacement of smaller culverts and enlarging regulator capacity along the system. These works are outside the scope of the government funding and would need to be jointly funded by MI and customers. If you wish to discuss this opportunity, please contact us on 6962 0200.

### Water shortage averted

We managed to avoid supply restrictions last week, after diversions into our system from Water NSW at Berembed Weir were reduced at short notice.

To limit the potential impact on customers we cleaned the screen at Bundidgerry Regulator (pictured below) to maximise available flows and enable access to lower levels of stored water.



Lake Talbot and our internal storages at Yenda, Bray's Dam and Barren Box were managed across the shortage period to supplement supply to customers.

Our new metering technology was also put to good use during this period, helping us identify customers who were taking water without an order or above their ordered flow rate. We contacted customers, and their supply was suspended or adjusted so as not to impact others.

### Keep the cap on buyback

Politicians were told loud and clear how important water is to the future of the MIA at the State Pre-Election Water and Energy Forum hosted by NSW Farmers in Griffith last week. The major concern raised by those in attendance was surrounding reports that the cap on buybacks could be scrapped, and we have called on State and Federal politicians of all persuasions to strongly oppose any such moves.



### Quad bike safety

Quad bikes are a popular farm vehicle. However, since 2001 there have been more than 240 deaths across Australia involving quad bikes on farms.

Stay safe if you have a quad bike:

- Before you purchase a quad bike – use the farm vehicle pre-purchase checklist to select

the safest vehicle for the task and/or terrain

- Consider completing a rider-training course
- Ensure accessories are suitable for use with your quad bike
- Wear a suitable helmet, and
- Don't let children under 16 years operate or ride as passengers on adult-sized quad bikes

### NSW quad bike safety improvement program

The NSW quad bike safety improvement program offers support to NSW farmers to undertake harm prevention activities associated with on-farm use of quad bikes.

The program includes a funds limited, small business quad bike safety rebate and training package to reduce deaths and injuries on NSW farms. For further information see [www.safework.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/safety-topics-a-z/quad-bikes](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/safety-topics-a-z/quad-bikes)

### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Murrumbidgee water allocation update (Dept. of Industry)

Allocations in the Murrumbidgee regulated river water source remain unchanged.

#### Trade

Water allocation can currently be traded within and out of the Murrumbidgee Valley, but trade into the Murrumbidgee Valley remains closed. Water users should monitor the WaterNSW website ([www.watarnsw.com.au](http://www.watarnsw.com.au)) for information about the Murrumbidgee inter-valley trade (IVT) account balance and the status of trade.

#### Scholarship opportunities for the Farming and Agriculture Sector

Scholarships, worth \$4,000, are now being awarded to leaders in the Farming and Agriculture Sector to support the 2019 Executive Ready Program – Australian School of Applied Management's (ASAM's) flagship development program for mid-level leaders. For more information [www.asam.edu.au/programs-executiveready.html](http://www.asam.edu.au/programs-executiveready.html)