

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

31 January 2019

- Burrinjuck 36% • Blowering 30%

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Yanco Stock & Domestic Project Stage 2

We are ramping up for Stage 2 of the Yanco Stock & Domestic Project with works scheduled to commence in March.

Aging open irrigation channels around the Yanco Village were replaced with gravity pipelines last year under Stage 1 of this Project.

This next stage of the Project will involve the installation of a low pressure pumped system, which will give us improved flow control and reduced water losses.

Adjusting operations to maintain supply

The spike in temperatures has caused crop demands to soar over the past month, with lower water levels in some of our channels making it a challenge to maintain supply.

To get around this issue we have adjusted our operations and in some instances are using pumps to ensure we can continue to deliver water to these areas.

Pump at Deadman's Check near Tharbogang



Transition to automation

Our automaton program is continuing. In the transition from manual to automated operations there may still be some minor fluctuations in supply as the remaining structures are commissioned and tuned. Weed growth in channels has also delayed tuning of some sites. Contact us on 6962 0200 if you experience supply difficulties.

Fleet Management System reducing costs

In 2018 we rolled out Stage 1 of our new Fleet Management System in MI vehicles, resulting in significant improvements in driver behaviour. Savings are being realised through improved fuel consumption and further savings are expected in vehicle maintenance, particularly tyre and brake wear, over time.

Payment arrangements - avoid a late fee

Some customers are overdue with their payment arrangements. A reminder that interest accrues on outstanding balances, and late payment fees also apply. If you'd like to discuss your payment arrangements, contact us on 6962 0200.

WaterNSW fees and charges rebate

The NSW Government has announced that WaterNSW will provide a fees and charges rebate for customers with General Security entitlement. Customers do not need to do anything - the rebate will be automatically credited to your account at the next billing period.

Rural Financial Counselling Service

Rural Financial Counselling Service is a service available to primary producers and small rural businesses, covering all of Southern NSW.

Their service is free and confidential and their Counsellors are professional and independent.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please consider contacting the local Rural Financial Counsellor on

6962 3812 or for more information see www.rfcsnsw-sr.com.au.

Safety - heat stress can be deadly

Heat illness needs to be taken seriously as extreme heat stress can cause collapse, seizures and sometimes death. Signs and symptoms of heat illness include weakness, fatigue and dizziness.

If you suspect someone has heat stress:

- Move them to a cool place with circulating air
- Splash them with cool water
- Cover them with damp cloths
- Direct air onto them with a fan or newspaper
- Have them drink cool water

If symptoms don't improve quickly call 000.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Rural Assistance Authority - Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Eligible Primary Producers can claim a rebate of 25% of the cost of purchase, delivery and if applicable, the cost to install water infrastructure for animal welfare needs. A maximum of \$25,000 per farm enterprise can be claimed. Please contact your accountant for further information or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate-scheme.

Murrumbidgee water allocation update (Dept. of Industry)

Allocations in the Murrumbidgee regulated river water source remain unchanged.

Drought stage: The NSW extreme events policy introduces a staged approach to managing extreme events. Currently, the Murrumbidgee Valley is in Stage 1, meaning it can deliver all account water under normal regulated river operations. Further information can be found at: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability/droughts-floods/extreme-events