

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

29 March 2019

- Burrinjuck 30% • Blowering 24%

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Yanco Stock & Domestic: Pumped pipeline system

Construction on Stage 2 of the Yanco Stock & Domestic Project will commence in April. This is a continuation of the works started last year, with the project set to provide a safer environment for residents through the removal of open waterways and narrow road crossings.

Some channels were replaced with gravity pipelines last year under Stage 1 of the project, and others will now be replaced with a low-pressure pumped system which will give us improved flow control and will reduce water losses. Several channels will also be removed, and this has given the opportunity for some customers who no longer need stock and domestic access to exit the system.

The project will also include land remediation works to improve aesthetics and street access. This involves the removal of rubbish and weeds, followed by the backfilling of old channels to restore land to the original contour levels. This will make the areas easier to maintain and allow easier parking and property access.

The long-term maintenance costs for MI will also be lower, reducing costs for the benefit of all customers. Information regarding construction, road and access changes will be provided as the work progress, and the project will be completed by the end of July 2019.

Planning for 2019 winter works

With ongoing dry conditions and low allocations, we have been adjusting our operations to ensure we can continue to deliver water in a way that best optimises on-farm efficiency, system efficiency and support winter citrus needs. During the upcoming winter works period our focus will be on minimising impacts to water supply where possible.

The 2019 winter works program includes further modernisation and maintenance works across the MIA. Rather than shutting down the entire network throughout June and July, we have been moving towards maintaining an ongoing modified supply. These changes allow us to be more responsive to irrigators critical water needs, 12 months of the year.

Sections will still need to be drained to allow for annual maintenance and some capital works and winter is the most suitable time for us to do this, to minimise impacts on customers. Our engagement team have already commenced talking to affected customers.

We will soon be implementing water saving initiatives such as the temporary closure of channels where there are no immediate irrigation or stock and domestic requirements. Water will be available to top up dams prior to the winter works period. Water orders can be placed through our water ordering system, EASYWATER, using the regular ordering methods. For further enquiries, customers can contact us on 6962 0200.

Customers with piped supply

Help minimise supply interruptions: We have implemented several system improvements to minimise the chance of blowouts and supply interruptions to customers that are supplied by our pressurised pump systems. Customers can assist us by turning their systems on and off slowly. The sudden opening or closing of valves or solenoids is one major cause of blowouts and supply interruptions.

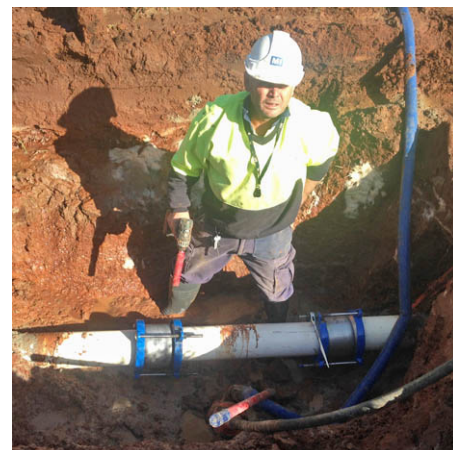


Photo: Pipeline repair at Merungle Hill

Protect your pumps: We supply water to customers metered outlet, and past this point you will need to have protections in place for on-farm pumps. When we need to shut off a line at short notice, it may cause issues with your on-farm pumps if there are no protections in places. Please consult with your on-farm irrigation provider to seek advice on how best to protect your on-farm pumps.

Backwash into drainage channels or on farm storage: When cleaning your on-farm filtration systems backwash must only go into either our drainage channels or be retained on farm, not our supply channels.

Fixed charges

Fixed charges accounts will be issued in May. If you'd like to discuss payment options, including payment plans, contact us on 6962 0200

INDUSTRY NEWS

Niall Blair resignation

Niall Blair, former Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Regional Water, has resigned from the front bench but will remain in Parliament. Negotiations are continuing between Deputy Premier John Barilaro and Premier Gladys Berejiklian as to the make up of the new NSW Coalition Ministry.