

WATER ALLOCATIONS

NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment as at 17 February 2020:

- Stock & Domestic 100%
- Towns 100%
- High Security 95%
- General Security 6%
- MI +1% to eligible customers.

STORAGES

19 February 2020:

- Burrinjuck 34%
- Blowering 37%

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MI WATER FLOWS

	January (ML)	YTD (ML)
Deliveries	55,102	215,583
Trade IN	11,946	56,284
Trade OUT	8,236	104,662
Trade Internal	15,740	133,635

New Federal Water Minister visits

The new Federal water Minister, Keith Pitt, was in Griffith this week as part of his introductory tour around the southern basin. To give him an understanding of how the MIA system works MI took Minister Pitt on a tour of our new operations room and visit around some of our infrastructure, including East Mirrool Regulator and Northern Branch Canal. The tour finished with a visit to environmental watering point Campbell's Swamp.



MI CEO Brett Jones, Senator Perin Davey, Minister Keith Pitt & MDBA Chair Phillip Glyde.

MI resign from NSWIC

After more than 25 years as a member of NSW Irrigators' Council (NSWIC) MI has handed in its membership last month. This decision was not made lightly given our long history with the Council and supports a decision to focus more on issues of importance to the Murrumbidgee Valley. The majority of irrigators in the MIA are

members of the various commodity group members of NSWIC, so will continue to have a mechanism for representation through those organisations.

Murrami expansion opportunity

We are currently in the planning stage for works to modernise the water delivery system in the Murrami region.

The works will also provide an opportunity to increase the capacity of channels in the area. Modernisation works will include the upgrade of control structures, including regulators, escapes and outlets, to meet current capacity.

The capacity increase would enable the delivery of higher flow rates through the replacement of smaller culverts and enlarging regulator capacity along the system.

These capacity increase works may need to be jointly funded by MI and customers depending on the cost of the upgrade. If you wish to discuss this opportunity, please contact us on 6962 0200.

BCC Chair tour



BCC Chair Phil Duncan (left) at Campbell's Swamp.

We recently hosted Murray Darling Basin Community Committee chairman Phil Duncan on a tour around some local farms and infrastructure.

Mr Duncan is tasked with ensuring all voices of the Basin's communities are heard, and was impressed by the scale of our operations, innovation of our farmers and the diversity of the region.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Preliminary 2020-21 Outlook

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided a 'Preliminary Outlook for 2020-21' with their Water Allocation Statement this week, which is conservatively based on assumed extreme dry inflow conditions for the remainder of this water year, and throughout 2020-21.

"It is forecast, at this stage, that high security allocation of 95 per cent and carryover commitments will be met on 1 July, and general security allocations will be low or zero," the statement read.

"In the highly unlikely event that extreme dry conditions unfold for the remainder of this water year, a small shortfall could present on 1 July and be shared across accounts with high security, conveyance and carryover water. This forecast information is not guaranteed and should be used at one's own risk."

This information will be updated in the mid-monthly water allocation statements and will become more reliable as the forecast period reduces. For more information see the most recent Murrumbidgee Water Allocation Statement: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability/allocations/statements

Mate Helping Mate podcast

The Mate Helping Mate podcast was launched this week as a guide to mental health and mateship in the Australian bush. Hosted by Stockinbingal farmer, John Harper, across the series of podcasts you hear from farmers, locals and health workers about what works (and what doesn't) for helping people struggling in remote and rural communities. To listen to the podcast visit www.matehelpingmate.org.au