



Murrumbidgee
Irrigation

Murrumbidgee Irrigation 2020 at a glance



378,911 ha
Total area of MIA



1,086,164 ML
Company water
licences



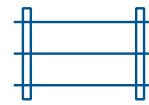
47,203 ha
Total area of
irrigated crops



1,236,037
Total delivery
entitlements
in issue



148
Employees



3,093
Landholdings



7.3
Lost time injury
frequency rate

Water Summary

Measures for 2019/20 in total	Measure	2019/20
Government announced allocation (all licences)	ML	481,563
Temporary transfers into MIA	ML	143,319
Supplementary flows from river	ML	11,377
Total water delivered (all licences, inc. surplus flows)	ML	349,525
Temporary transfers out of MIA	ML	194,138
Additional Water ¹	ML	18,970

Note: 1. For eligible customers who hold more than 250 Delivery Entitlements (DEs) and issued as a proportion of DEs

Strategy in Action

In FY20 Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) delivered our business strategy against the objective of setting customers and the MIA up for success through irrigation by:

- > Listening to our customers and giving them confidence that we deliver;
- > Optimising our infrastructure and operations to enable our region to grow in a time of less water; and
- > Developing our people to make sure our business is innovative and adaptive.



Operations

Modernisation works complete

The finishing touches were put on the final round of the Commonwealth funded modernisation projects which has left our channel system approximately 70% automated. These modernisation works have been critical in enabling us to maximise the benefits of the projects already completed across the MIA.



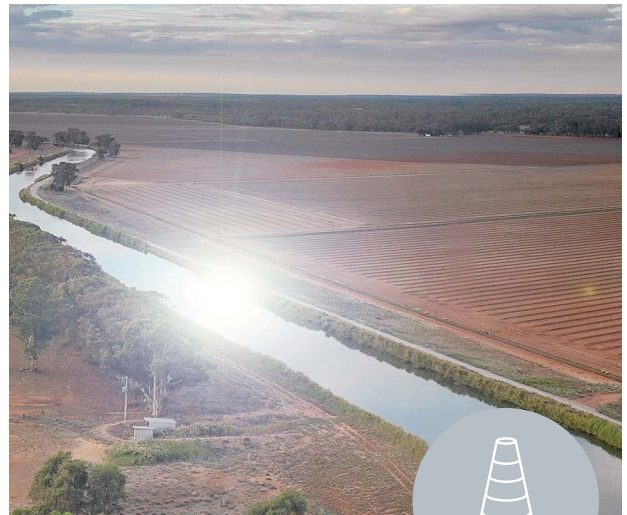
Customers

Lake View Branch Canal Stage 2

Stage 2 of the Lake View Branch Canal (LVBC) expansion project commenced with works including the upgrade of regulators, bridges and escapes.

Surplus Water Events

Over the course of the year we have been able to facilitate customers' access to water in two Surplus Water Events. Although the water was only available for a limited time, we put our integrated network to good use allowing us to maximise water available for customers across the MIA.



Safety

Community safety

Being very aware of the way our infrastructure integrates with public space, MI has a constant focus on managing associated risks, working with Council to align safety messages and measures, and educating the public. Some modernisation works, such as lining of channels and automation of channel flows, present particular issues around safety and are highlighted in our annual safety campaigns.



Community

Facelift for Yanco Village

The Yanco Stock & Domestic modernisation project provided a great opportunity to rescale our operations to meet the changing needs of Yanco Village customers. This was a continuation of the works started in 2018, with the project providing a safer environment for residents through the removal of open waterways and narrow road crossings.



People

MI response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic we implemented a series of escalating measures to ensure that we could safely continue to provide our services to the community, albeit being delivered in a different and COVID safe way.

"We need an efficient and cost effective water supply to ensure that we produce quality fruit in a very competitive market that demands quality produce at reasonable prices. MI has the infrastructure and systems in place to be able to provide the water we need."

Michael Ciccio, Griffith (Citrus and wine grapes)



Environment

Balancing operational requirements with environmental outcomes

We have continued to collaborate with the Office of Environment & Heritage including delivering environmental water in drought periods to support local refuge sites such as Fivebough and Tuckerbill swamps in Leeton and Campbells swamp in Griffith. The delivery of 3,010 ML has helped deliver positive outcomes for important habitats including a bittern refuge.



Stakeholders

New Water Minister visits

MI welcomed the incoming Water Minister, Keith Pitt as part of his introductory tour around the Southern Basin to give him an understanding of how the MIA system works and the issues of importance to our customers.



Bottom line – performance of our assets

Financial

	Measure	2019/20
Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) from normal operations	\$'000	2,781
Government revenue	\$'000	24,052
Net assets	\$'000	580,573
Asset reserve (book value)	\$'000	51,236
Asset renewal capital expenditure	\$'000	4,033

“MI really stepped up and worked with us to upgrade our outlets over the last couple of years, delivering improvements which better underpin the productivity and profitability of our farm business.”

Terry McFarlane, Widgee (High value seed crops and leased fish ponds)



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