

### From the CEO

The Australian Government will open its tender on 15 July for up to 70GL to commence the recovery of 450GL of additional water under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Irrigation networks will be excluded in the first tender to give irrigation infrastructure operators a little more time to consider the impact of water recovery in their networks.

An expression of interest will then open in August/September for potential purchase in 2025, including water entitlements held within irrigation networks.

This is on top of the Government's imminent tenders for the remaining Murray Darling Basin Plan Bridging the Gap water (around 18GL still to be recovered) as well as the \$100 million for First Nations water entitlements.

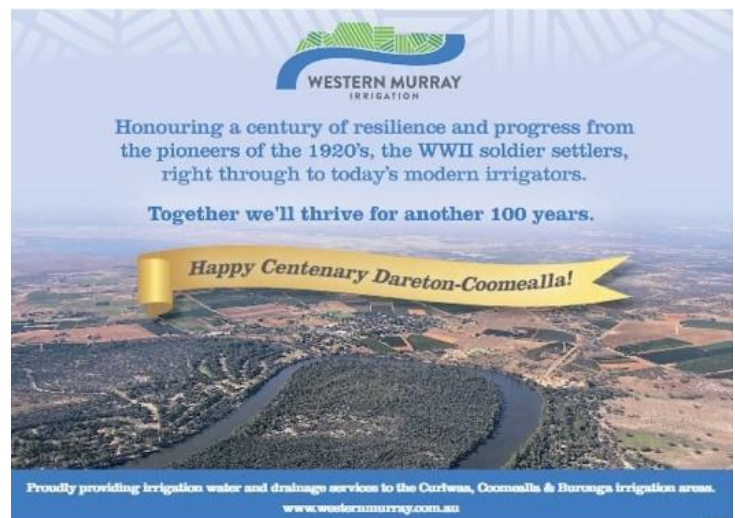
Various reports have shown that the buybacks will:

- Increase water allocation prices
- Impact irrigation districts and networks
- Impact vulnerable industries such as rice, dairy and bulk wine

### Coomealla Centenary April 2024

Congratulations to the Dareton-Coomealla centenary organising committee for a successful and well-attended celebratory event.

WMI was a proud sponsor, participated in the street parade and opened the Coomealla pump station up to the public.



### Winter maintenance update

We have our scheduled winter maintenance program underway with the main tasks including:

#### Buronga

- Suction butterfly valves regrease
- High Voltage meter calibration

#### Curlwaa

- Pump/Motor D – remove for overhaul
- Pump C – replace check valve
- Balance tower inspection

**Fourth Quarter Invoice 2023/24**  
due for payment:  
4:30pm on 15 August 2024

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**Upcoming office closures:**

Labour Day: 7 October 2024

### Coomealla

- Main pump station
  - Air valves inspect/service
  - High Voltage meter calibration
- Main pipeline
  - 6+ air valves replace, butterfly valves added.
  - Balance tower inspection
- Scours
  - Scour upgrades Keenan Dr, Jacaranda Dr, Boggabilla Rd

### Mourquong

- Pump 1 replace; check valve 1 inspect
- Pump 2 inspect; check valve 2 inspect
- Pneumatic valve 2 replace

### Fourth Quarterly Invoice Due for Payment

The fourth quarter invoice for 2023/24 is now available and due for payment on or before Thursday 15 August 2024.

Please contact the office before the due date if there are any difficulties in prompt payment of accounts.

To have your quarterly invoices paid by direct debit from a nominated bank account, contact the office for a form and your invoice will always be paid on time.

### Additional Water Fee Reminder

Water usage above allocation is billed quarterly at \$1,200/ML (or part thereof).

Please ensure you **always have a positive water allocation balance**. Customers should contact the friendly office staff for more information.

### Delivery Allowance can be Temp Traded

The annual temporary transfer of delivery allowance from one customer in the same irrigation area to another customer in the same irrigation area is possible, at any time throughout the year.

The delivery allowance trading system offers increased flexibility and responsiveness for customers who exceed their delivery allowance within the quarter. Customers who surpass their allowance or expect to, can trade delivery allowance to avoid paying the Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee (Casual User rate).

**Delivery Allowance is balanced on the last day of each quarter** (30 September, 31 December, 31 March, 30 June), therefore trades must be successfully completed prior to the above dates.

### Trading Page via Customer Portal

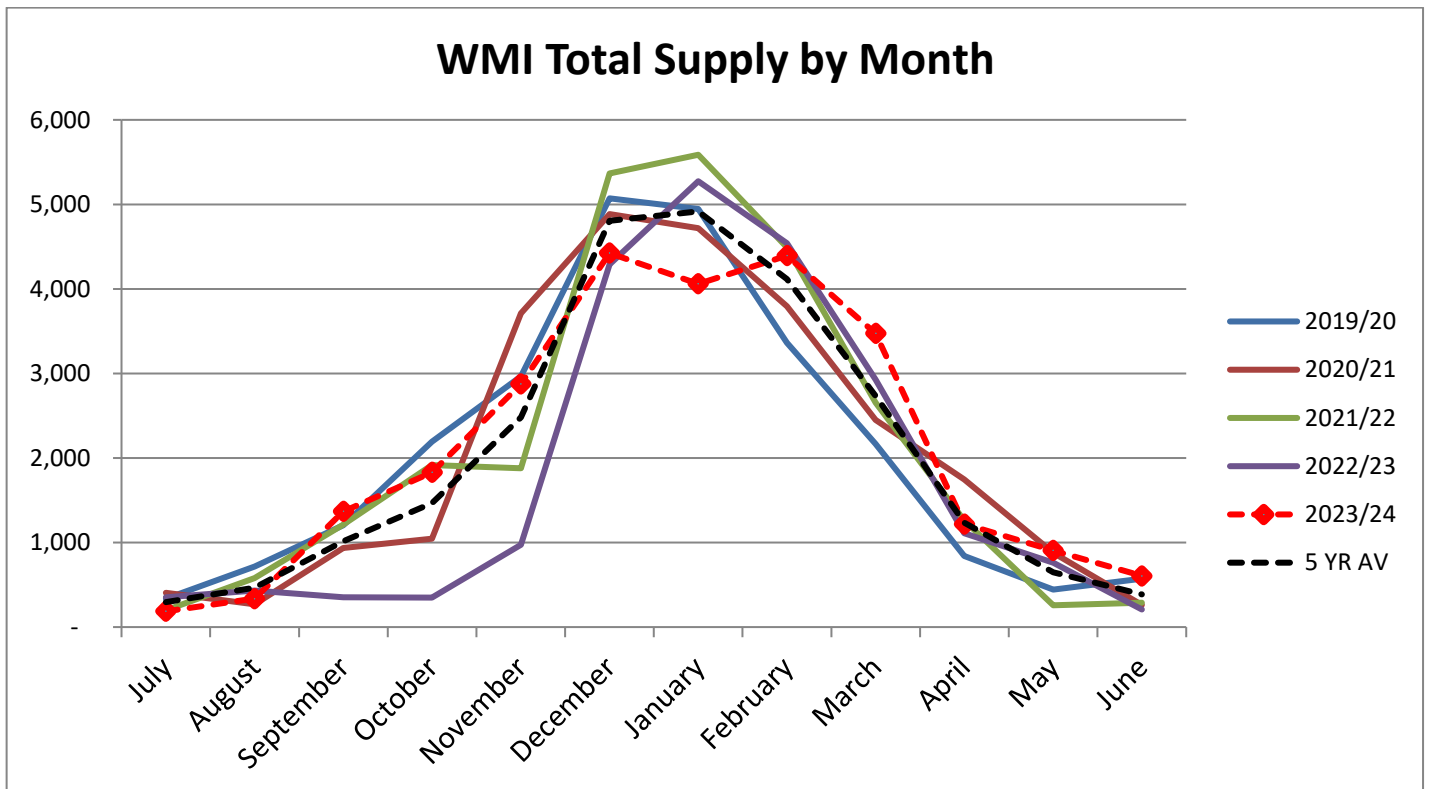
The Trading Page is a service operated by WMI to facilitate the sale and purchase of tradable water allocation and delivery allowance. Customers may list water allocation or delivery allowance to Buy or Sell.

It is advised to check the trading page regularly as it is updated daily, especially during peak trading times.

WMI staff are available to assist customers with application forms and to explain the temporary transfer system.

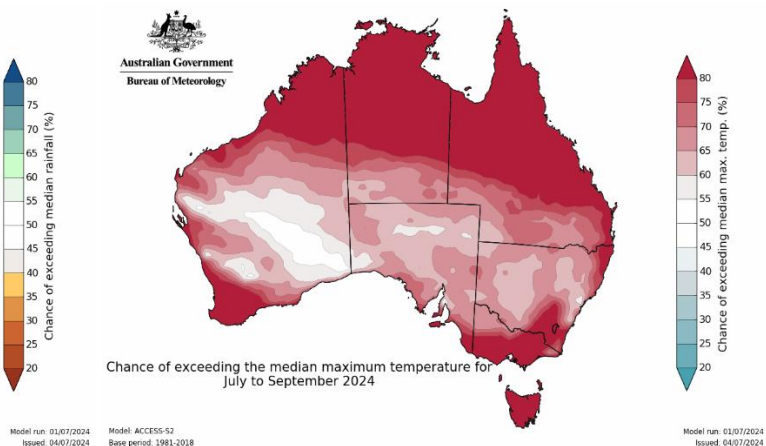
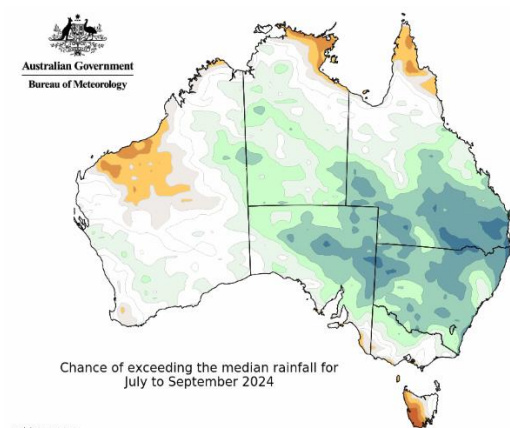
### Total Water Pumped Over 5 Years

WMI pumped 25,678 ML of water between July 2023 and June 2024, 4.5% higher than the five-year average.



### Climate Outlook: July to September 2024

The Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting above average rainfall for large areas of eastern and central Australia and warmer than average days for many parts of Australia:



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