



Newsletter

January 2025

From the CEO

WMI pumped 13,791 ML of water between July and December 2024, 25% more than the same period last year mainly due to a drier and warmer year.

Coomealla pumped 11,021 ML or 80% of the total and hit an intraday all time high flow of 3,000L/s on 16 December. Our hydraulic modelling of the Coomealla network has identified a number of pipeline upgrades (laterals 26/39 and 40 were completed in 2022/23). This year we will be developing a plan and budget for the next pipeline upgrade to accommodate increased demand in Coomealla, as well as replacing the last of the GRP (Hobas) pipelines.

We have recently finalised the 2024 crop report, with some key points as follows, when compared to 2021:

- Permanent plantings increased by 55 ha, or 2%
- Seasonal crops decreased by 45ha, or 15%
- Permanent plantings in Coomealla increased by 100ha (due to plantings of tablegrapes, citrus and winegrapes)
- Buronga and Curlwaa both saw a decrease in permanent plantings
- Mourquong increased its permanent plantings of citrus by 20ha or 8%

The continued growth of permanent plantings in Coomealla is also contributing to the increased demand for irrigation water.

2024 AGM update

The WMI AGM was held on 26 November 2024.

All business proposed was successfully completed, including:

- Appointment of two Member Directors (Matt Cottrell as Buronga Director and Brett Hullah as General Director); and
- Consideration of the 2024 Audited Financial Statements and auditor's report.

Our thanks to guest speaker Claire Miller, NSW Irrigators Council CEO, who gave an engaging update on the Council's work and answered questions from the floor.

The WMI Board, at their first meeting following the AGM, confirmed:

- David Whitbread as Chair; and
- Allison McTaggart as Deputy Chair.

The Board and management would like to thank all shareholders who attended or submitted proxies for the 30th AGM proceedings.

Shareholders can access the AGM minutes and presentation in the shareholder portal on the WMI's website.

WMI Employee Service Awards

WMI would like to acknowledge the following employees who reached their 5-year plus work anniversaries in 2024:

Brandon Tyers	10 years
David Hilton	10 years
Wes Marks	5 years
Chloe McLeish	5 years

Water ordering & accuracy is important

To ensure WMI supply system works effectively, accurate water orders must be placed by irrigation customers (with meters 80mm and above).

Second Quarter Invoice 2024/25

due for payment:

4.30pm on

Saturday 15 February 2025

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Upcoming office closures:

Australia Day: 27 January

Easter: 18-21 April

ANZAC Day: 25 April

Water ordering & accuracy is important – cont.

It is important that a water order is placed correctly before commencing irrigation and that the flow rate and duration is adhered to. Over ordering can cause other irrigators' orders to be rejected, under ordering can overload the system causing a loss of water pressure or in the case of Buronga cause the pump station to shut down due to a leakage warning.

If a meter isn't recording correctly an estimate of water use will be used for billing purposes. Estimates are based on water ordered and/or historical use.

Please continue to keep outlets clean

Customers are reminded to keep outlets free of weeds, equipment and rubbish, ensuring easy and safe access for our operations staff.

Second Quarterly Invoice Due for Payment

The second quarter invoice for 2024/25 is now available and due for payment on or before Saturday 15 February 2025.

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

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.

Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee Reminder

Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee (casual user) is billed quarterly.

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

A temporary transfer means the customer who receives the delivery allowance enjoys the reduced

cost of using water (for one season) by reducing the impact of the higher Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee (casual user).

The new delivery allowance trading system is more flexible and reactive for customers exceeding their water allocation in any one quarter, i.e. providing the customer going over allocation trades in delivery allowance (and successfully completes the process) before the last business day of that quarter (30 September, 31 December, 31 March, 30 June) they will not incur the Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee.

Customers wishing to buy and/or sell both delivery allowance (and water allocation) may list a quantity and price on WMI's customer portal.

WMI staff are happy to assist customers with their annual transfer of delivery allowance.

NRAR visit to Sunraysia

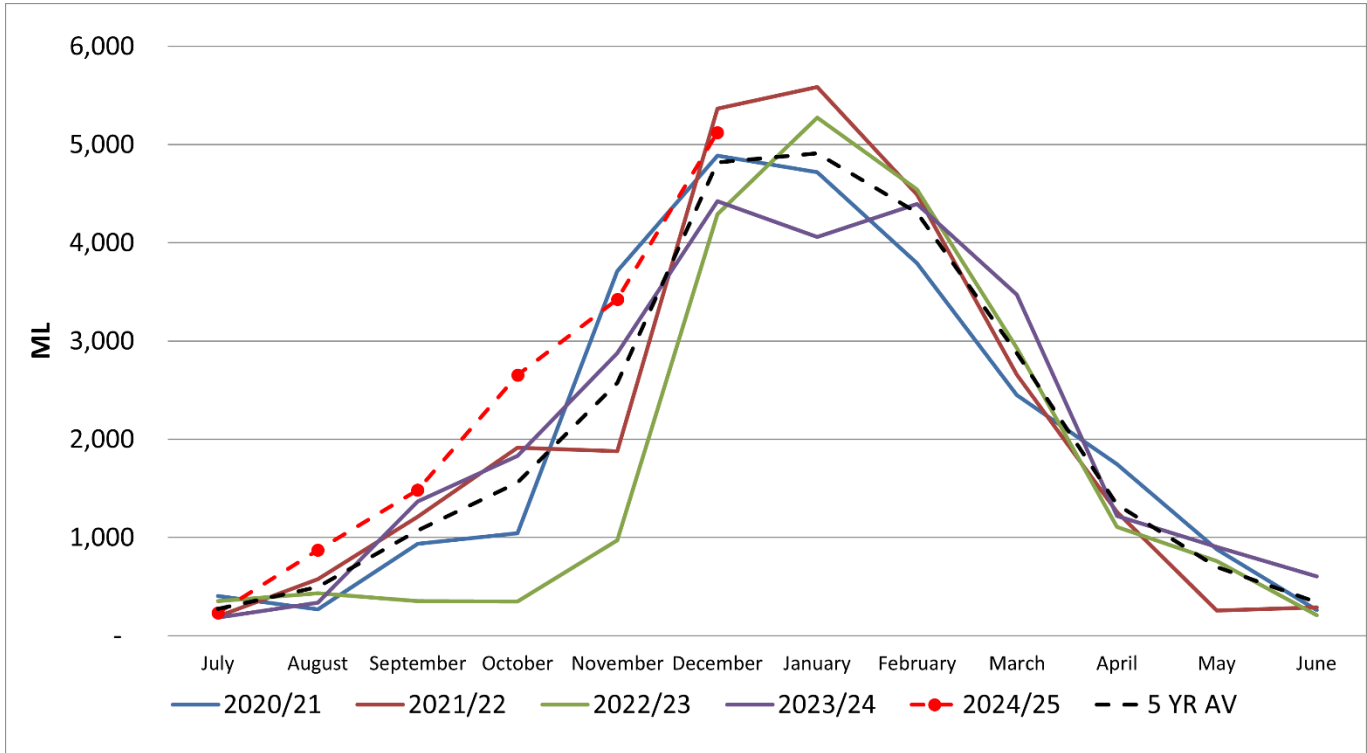
The NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) Board and senior staff visited the region in December 2024.

WMI was pleased to host the visitors for a tour of the Coomealla Irrigation Area.



NRAR Board (including Chair the Hon. Craig Knowles), staff, WMI Board & management at the Coomealla pump station: 10 December 2024.

Total Water Pumped Over 5 Years; including Year to Date



Climate Outlook: February to April 2025

The Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting average rainfall but above average minimum and maximum temperatures for Sunraysia for the February to April period:

