

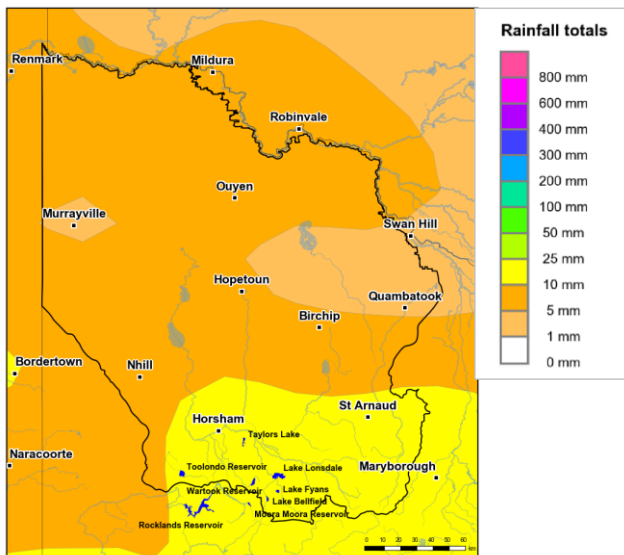
Water Reporting Summary – Wimmera–Mallee Catchment

15 March 2021

Overview

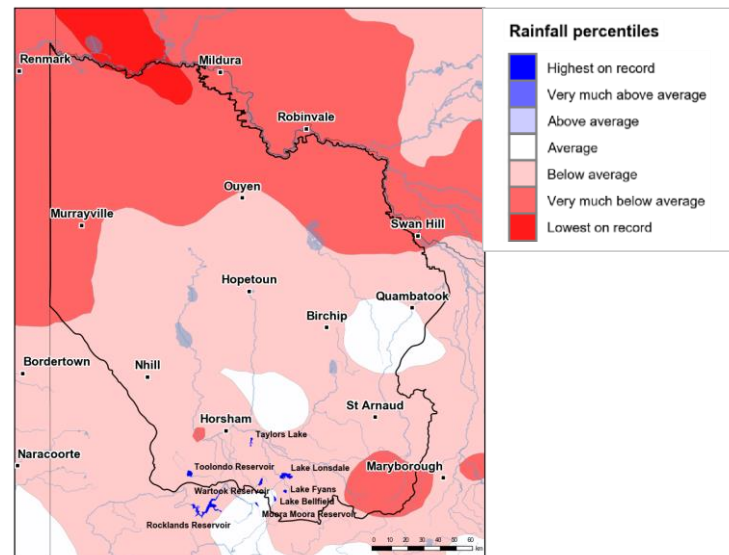
- In the last month, most of the Wimmera–Mallee catchment received less than 10 mm of rainfall, with areas around the reservoirs and the lakes receiving up to 25 mm. The eastern part of the catchment near Quambatook received less than 5 mm of rainfall (Figure 1). The total area-average rainfall for the catchment was 8 mm, with a half of this rain received on 14th March. This recent rainfall is in the context of the extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall for the central and upper Wimmera–Mallee catchment mainly being below average, and downstream areas being mainly very much below average (Figure 2).
- The rainfall in the last month has resulted in average root zone soil moisture for the Wimmera–Mallee catchment; however, it has not translated into significant runoff and inflows into storages (Figure 3). Allocations for Wimmera–Mallee Pipeline Product entitlement holders are currently 56% (Figure 4 and Table 1) (GMMWater Storage Manager).

Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days (14 Feb to 15 March 2021)



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (compared to 1900–2019 long-term average) (Jan 2017 to Feb 2021)

Note: Rainfall percentiles for the period from January 2017 are shown as the Bureau of Meteorology considers January 2017 to be the start of the current dry period for eastern Australia.

How much water is in the storages?

Storage volume: Lake Bellfield, Lake Fyans, Lake Lonsdale, Moora, Rocklands, Taylor Lake, Toolondo and Wartook storages as at 9 March 2021

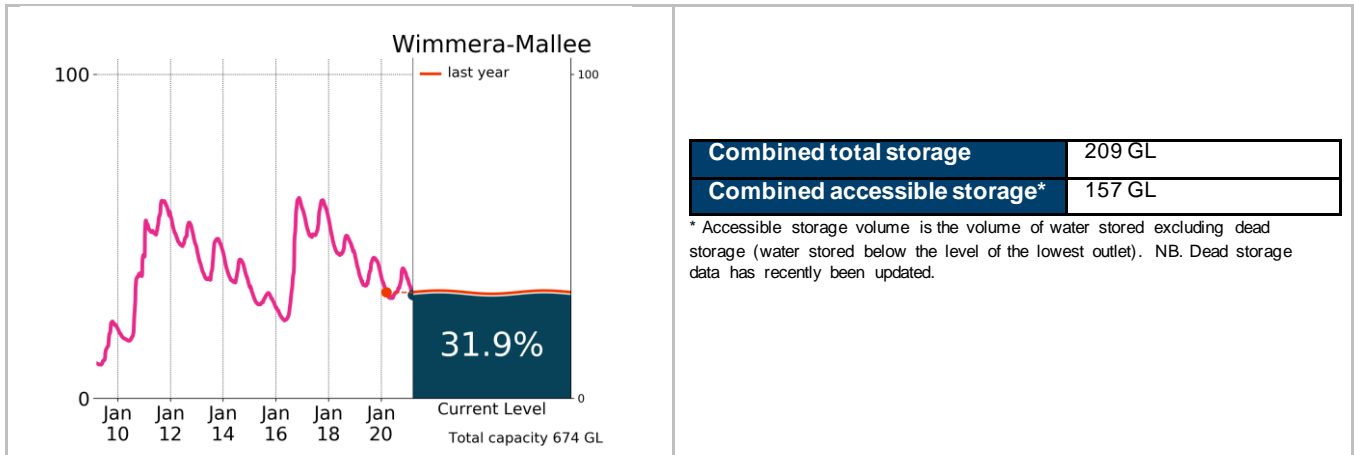


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

Who is the water for?

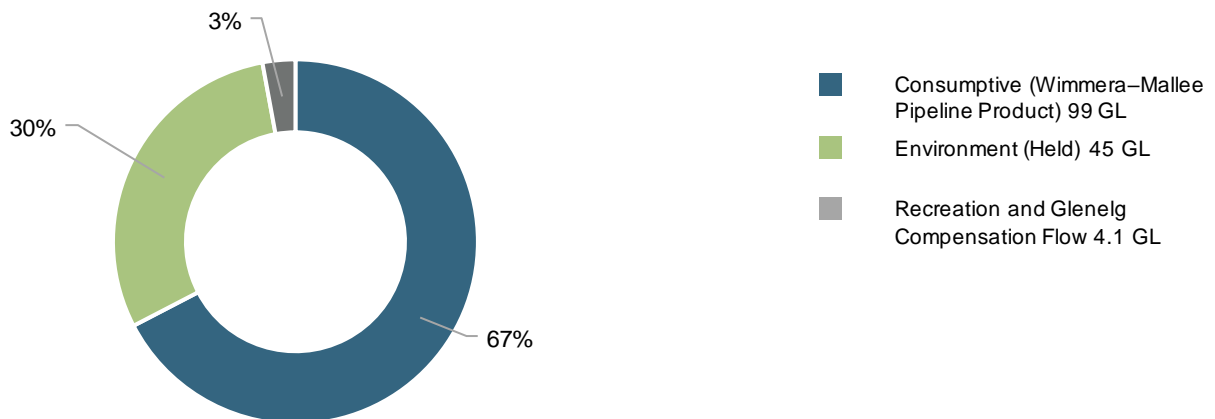


Figure 4: Volumes of water available, including carryover (% of total) (last updated 4 March 2021)

Source: [GWMWater](#)

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – selected licence categories as at 15 March 2021

Licence category	Announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)	Entitlement prices (monthly median)	Allocation price (median – last 7 days)
Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Product	56%	Similar to last year	n/a	n/a

Source: [GWMWater](#) and [BoM water markets dashboard](#)

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