



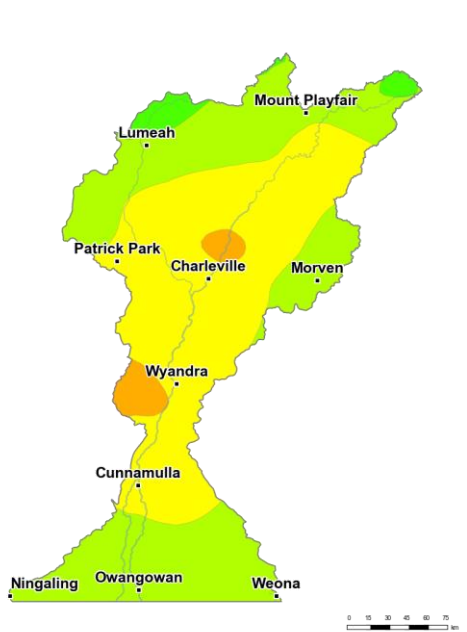
Water Reporting Summary – Warrego Catchment

15 October 2020

Overview

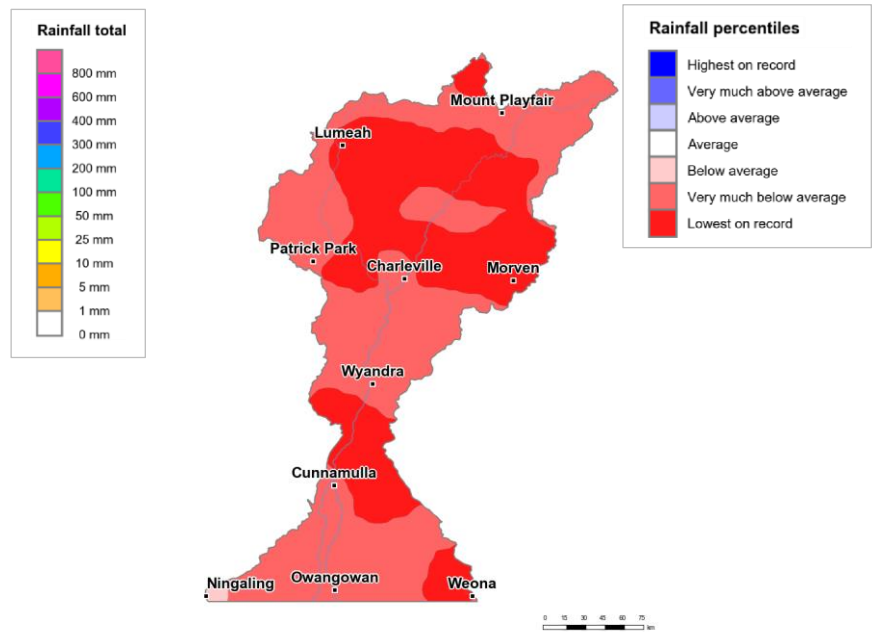
- In the last 30 days, most of the central Warrego catchment received 10 to 25 mm of rainfall. Some downstream and upstream areas of the catchment received 25 to 50 mm, although areas near Charleville and Wyandra received less than 10 mm of rainfall (Figure 1). As a result, the total area-average rainfall across the catchment was 26 mm over the last 30 days. This patchy rainfall is in the context of the extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall across the Warrego catchment mainly very much below average or lowest on record (Figure 2).
- With only patchy recent rainfall, root zone soil moisture in the last month was average for most of the Warrego catchment. The exceptions were areas near Wyandra and Mount Playfair, which were being below average, and downstream areas where soil moisture was above average. The recent rainfall has translated into runoff into the storage for the Cunnamulla water supply scheme (Table 1) and has allowed allocations to increase for medium priority entitlement holders from 67% in July to 84% in October, a similar level to the same time last year (Figure 4 and Table 2).

Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days
(16 Sept to 15 Oct 2020)



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (compared to 1900–2019 long-term average) (Jan 2017 to Sept 2020)

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?

Table 1: Storage volume as at 15 October 2020

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Water Supply Scheme | Cunnamulla |
| Storage | Allan Tannock Weir |
| Total storage (% Full) | 78.2% |

Source: [Sunwater](#)

Who is the water for?

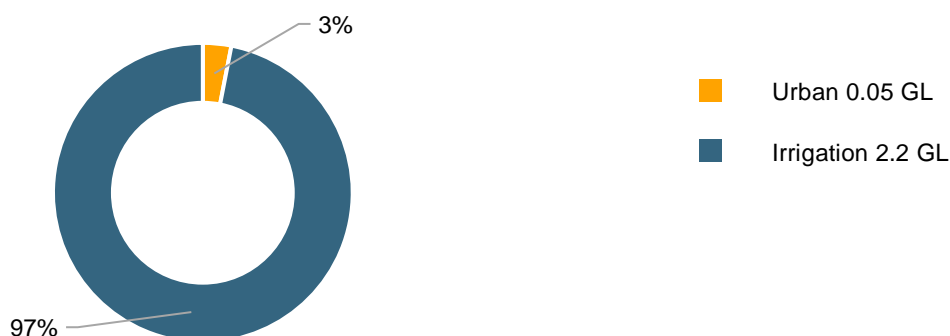


Figure 4: Volumes of water allocated (% of total) for the 2020–21 water year, supplemented schemes (last updated 1 October 2020)

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

NB: Allocation information shown here is water allocated in the Cunnamulla supplemented scheme for various purposes as at 1 October 2020. It does not include unsupplemented entitlements. The information also does not represent remaining available allocated water as it does not allow for water used, traded or new storage inflows (in excess of minimum assumptions).

Table 2: Allocation announcements (%) – selected licence categories (last updated 1 October 2020)

| Licence category | Announced allocation | Historic comparison (same time of year) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Cunnamulla WSS Medium Priority | 84% | Similar to last year |

Source: [Sunwater](#)

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