



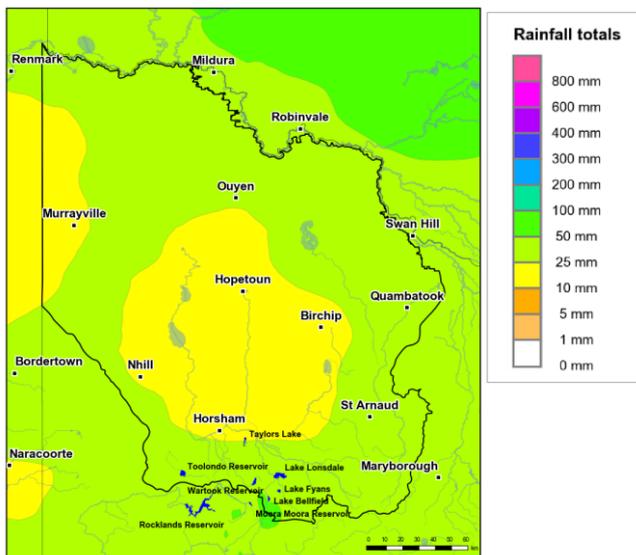
Water Reporting Summary – Wimmera–Mallee Catchment

16 November 2020

Overview

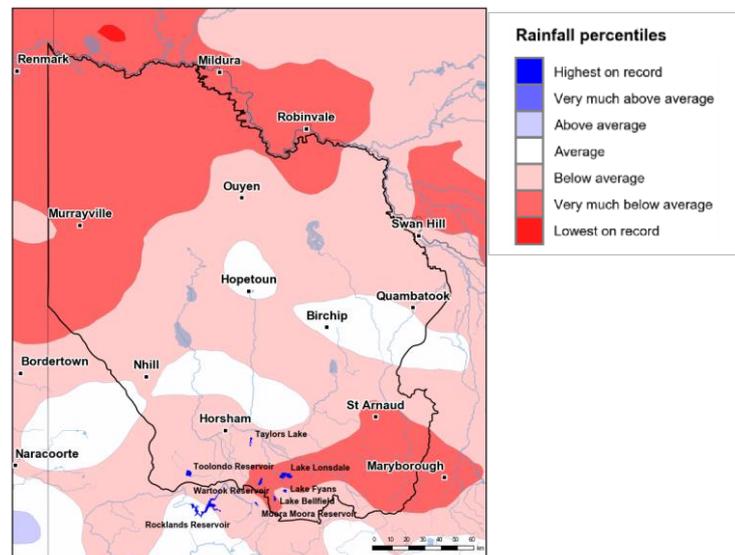
- In the last month, most of the Wimmera–Mallee catchment received 25 to 50 mm of rainfall, with the exception of central areas near Hopetoun and Horsham, and west of Murrayville, which received 10 to 25 mm of rainfall (Figure 1). The total area-average rainfall for the catchment was 27 mm. This recent rainfall is in the context of the extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall for the central Wimmera–Mallee catchment being average or below average, and the remainder of the catchment being mainly very much below average (Figure 2).
- Rainfall in the last month has resulted in average root zone soil moisture for the northern areas of the Wimmera–Mallee catchment, and above average soil moisture for northwest areas of the catchment. Recent rainfall near storages has not translated into significant runoff and inflows into storages (Figure 3). However, allocations have increased since last fortnight (Figure 4), with Wimmera–Mallee Pipeline Product entitlement holders receiving 48% allocations, an increase of 27% since October (Table 1) (GWMWater Storage Manager).

Recent conditions



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



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

Storage volume: Lake Bellfield, Lake Fyans, Lake Lonsdale, Moora, Rocklands, Taylor Lake, Toolondo and Wartook storages as at 16 November 2020

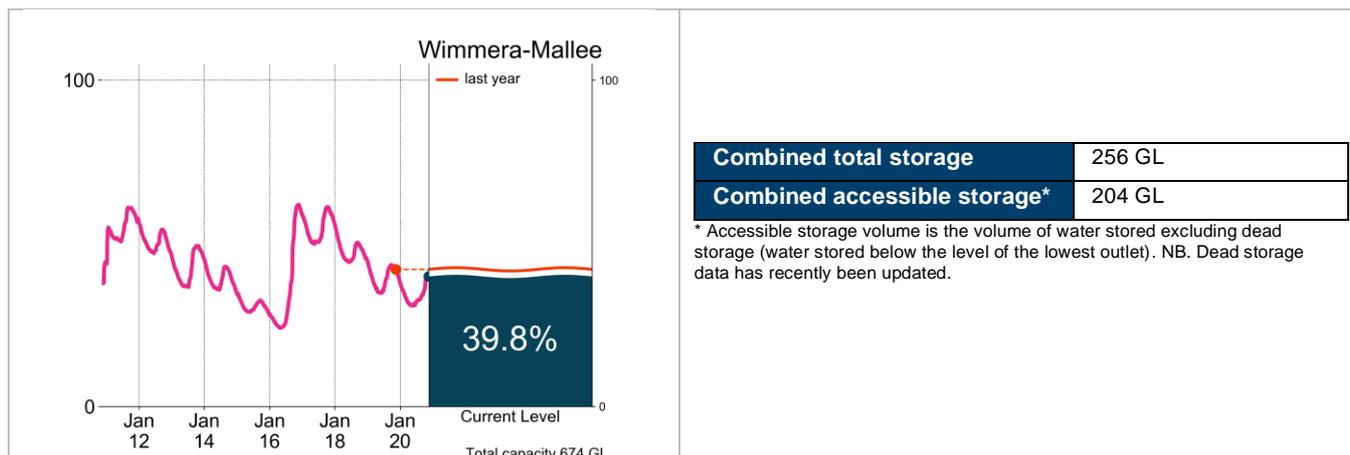


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

Who is the water for?

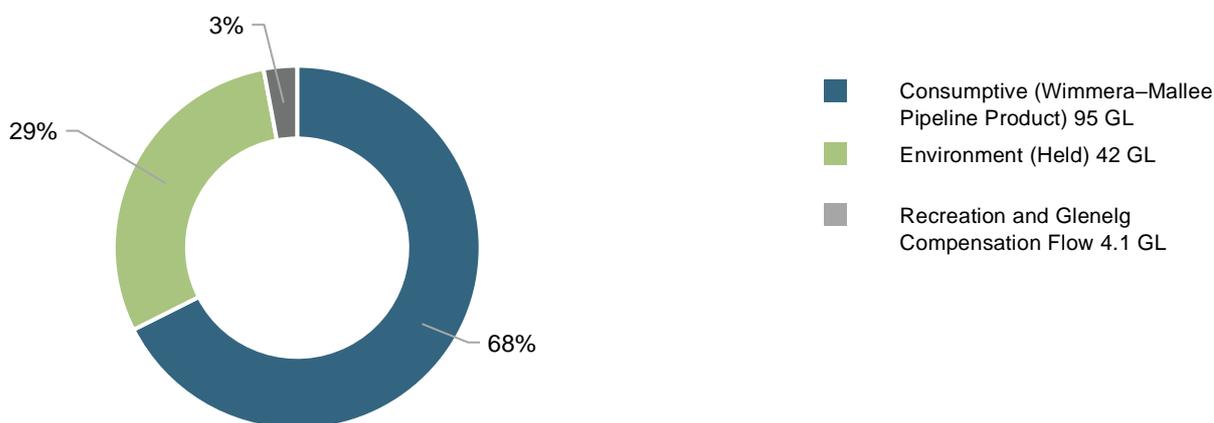


Figure 4: Volumes of water available, including carryover (% of total) (as at 4 November 2020)

Source: [GWMWater](#)

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – selected licence categories as at 16 November 2020

Licence category	Announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)	Entitlement prices (monthly median)	Allocation price (median – last 7 days)
Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Product	48%	Similar to last year	n/a	n/a

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

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