

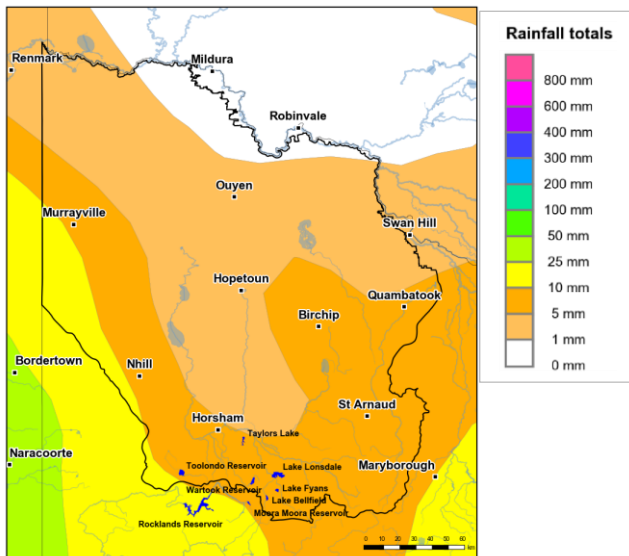
# Water Reporting Summary – Wimmera–Mallee Catchment

1 March 2021

## Overview

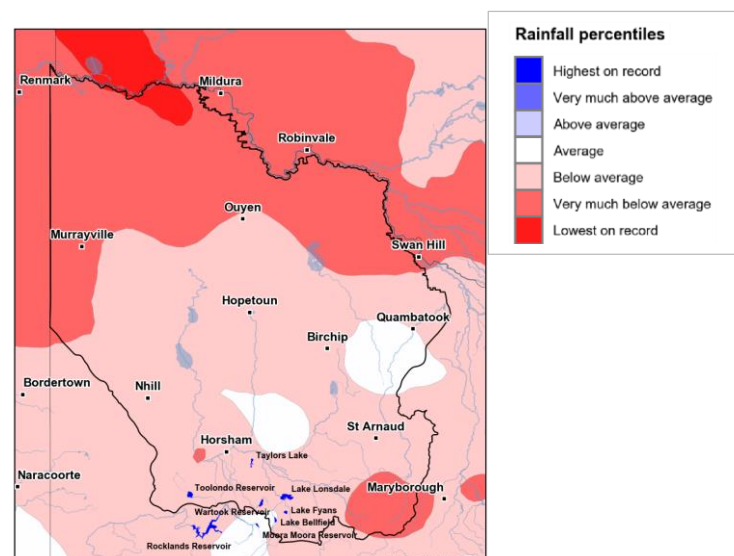
- In the last month, there has been limited rainfall for most of the Wimmera–Mallee catchment, with upstream areas near Toolondo Reservoir and Lake Bellfield receiving less than 10 mm. Central and downstream areas of the Wimmera–Mallee catchment received less than 5 mm of rainfall with areas near Mildura receiving no rainfall (Figure 1). The total area-average rainfall for the catchment was 5 mm, with half of this rainfall received in the first week of February. 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) (GWMWater Storage Manager).

## Recent conditions



<http://www.bom.gov.au>  
© Commonwealth of Australia 2021, Bureau of Meteorology

Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days (31 Jan to 1 March 2021)



<http://www.bom.gov.au>  
© Commonwealth of Australia 2021, Bureau of Meteorology

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 23 February 2021

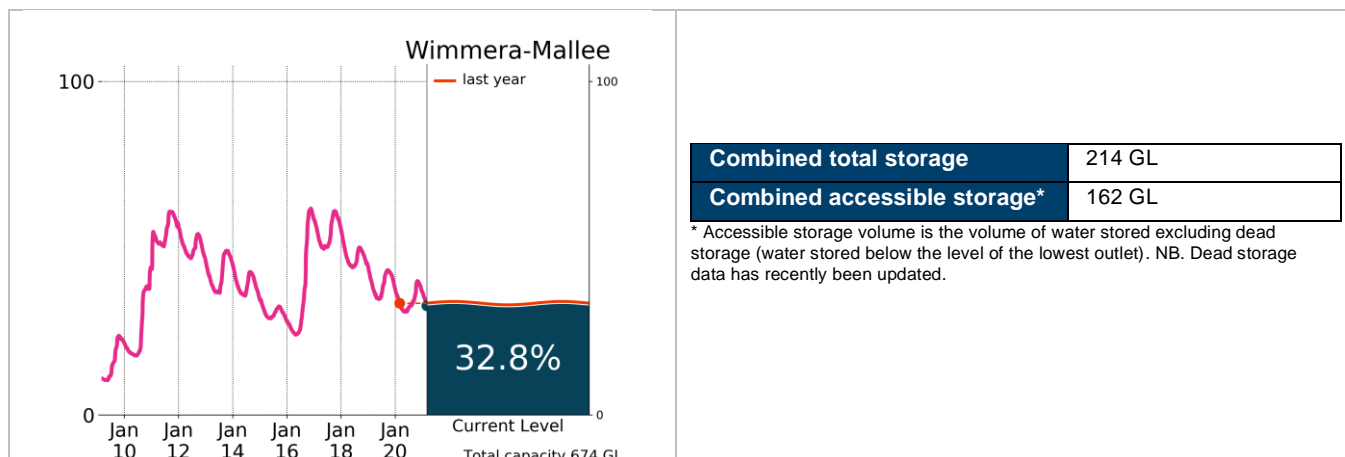


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

## Who is the water for?

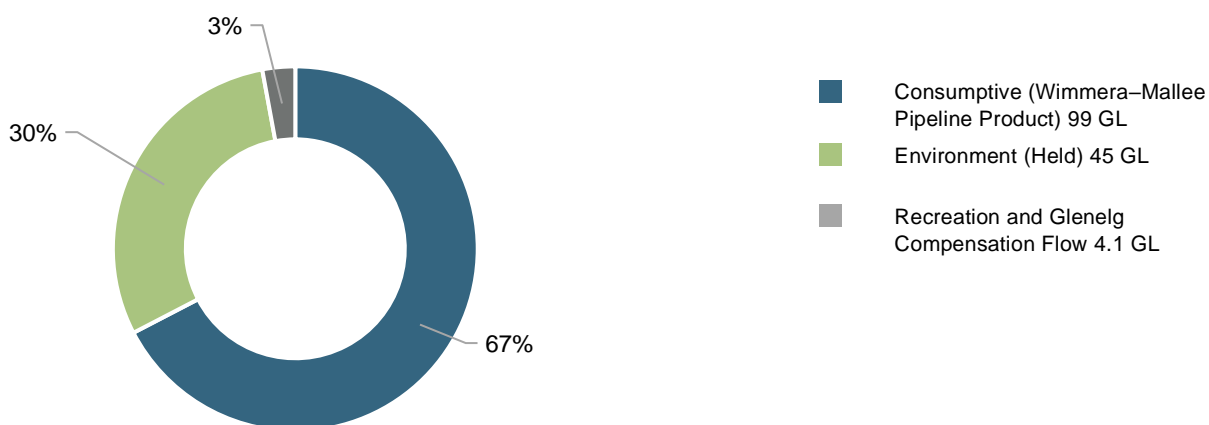


Figure 4: Volumes of water available, including carryover (% of total) (last updated 4 February 2021)

Source: [GWMWater](#)

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – selected licence categories as at 1 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](#)

FIND OUT MORE

For more information email [water@bom.gov.au](mailto:water@bom.gov.au)



With the exception of logos, photography and data referenced as being from other organisations, this publication is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia Licence. The terms and conditions of the licence are available at <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/au>. Attribution for this publication should be: © Commonwealth of Australia (Bureau of Meteorology) 2021.