

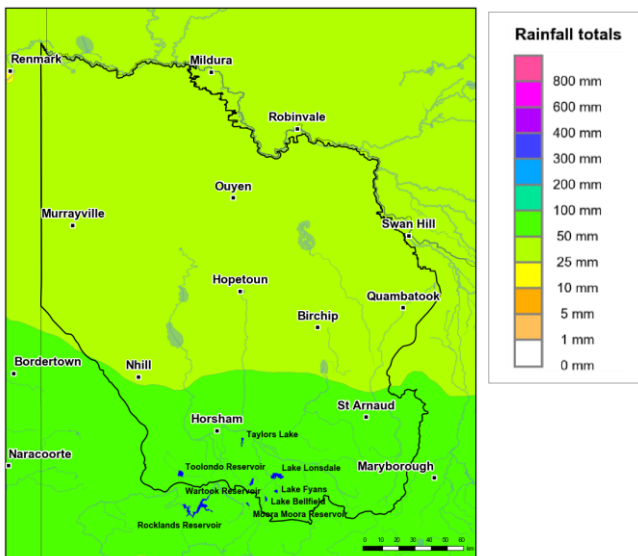
Water Reporting Summary - Wimmera-Mallee Catchment

1 September 2020

Overview

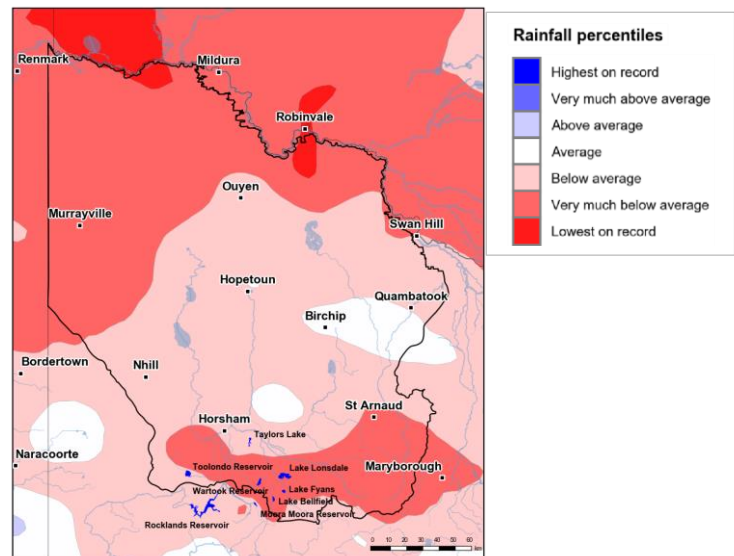
- In the last month, most of the northern and central Wimmera-Mallee catchment received 25 to 50 mm of rainfall, while the southern catchment received up to 100 mm of rainfall (Figure 1). The total area-average rainfall for the catchment was 45 mm. This recent rainfall is in the context of the extended 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).
- Recent rainfall has helped to improve soil moisture, with average and below average root zone soil moisture for most of the Wimmera-Mallee catchment over the last month, compared to below average and very much below average soil moisture in July. Recent rainfall has wetted the catchment but only translated into limited runoff and inflows into storages (Figures 3 and 4).
- Seasonal allocations are currently 2%, with water currently available to entitlement holders mainly related to carryover from the 2019-20 water year (GMMWater Storage Manager).

Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days (3 Aug to 1 Sept 2020)



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (Compared to 1900-2019 long-term average) (Jan 2017 to Aug 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 Moora, Rocklands, Taylor Lake, Toolondo and Wartook storages as at 24 August 2020

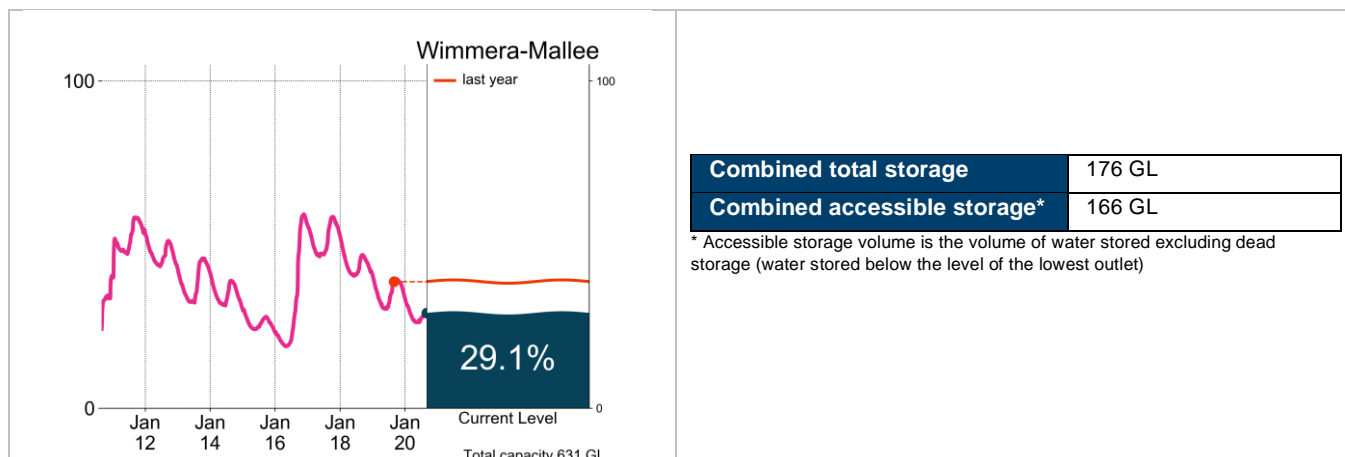


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

Who is the water for?

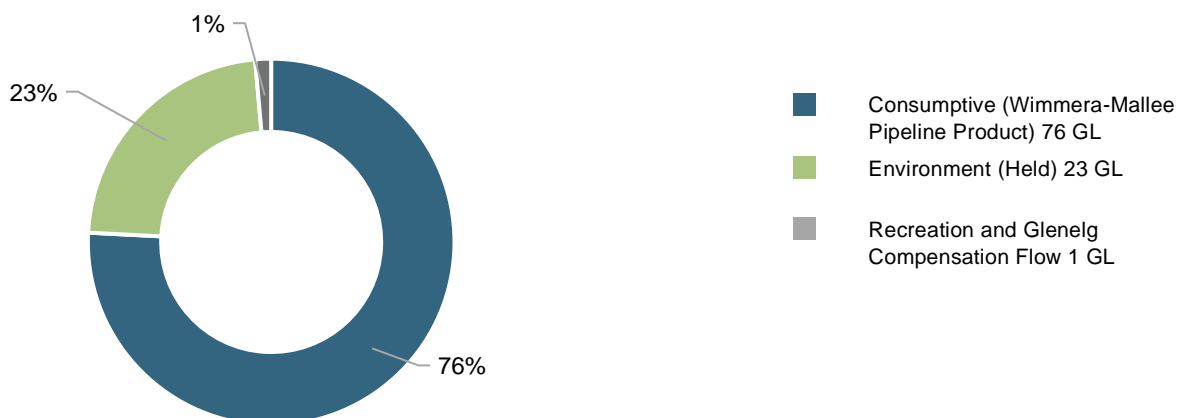


Figure 4: Volumes of water available, including carryover (% of total) (as at 5 August 2020)

Source: [GWMWater](#)

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – Selected licence categories as at 1 September 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	2%	Similar to last year	n/a	n/a

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

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