



# Water Reporting Summary - Goulburn Catchment

1 July 2020



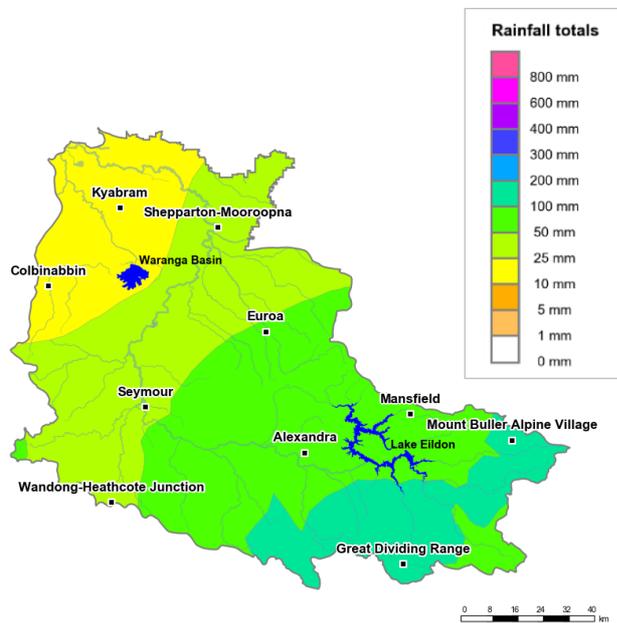
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## Overview

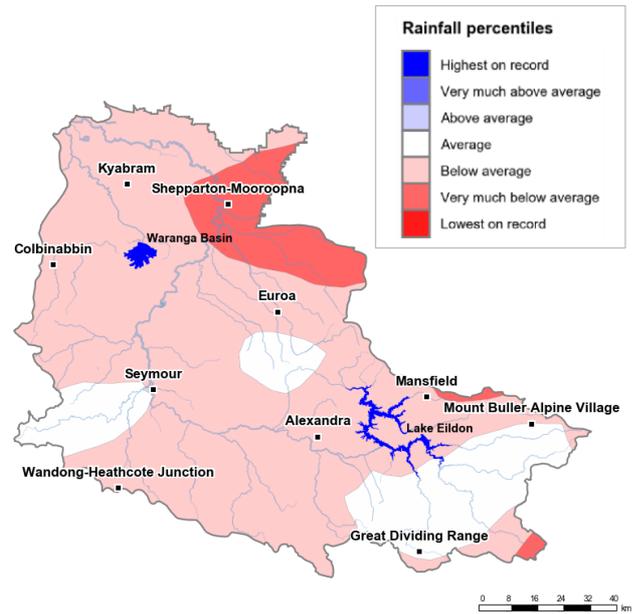
- In the last 30 days, the downstream parts of the Goulburn catchment received 25 to 50 mm rainfall. Most of the central and upper parts of the catchment received 50 to 100 mm, with some areas around the Great Dividing Range and Mount Buller Alpine Village receiving up to 200 mm of rain and snow (Figure 1). The area-average rainfall for the catchment was 58 mm. In parts of the catchment, this recent rainfall has offset some of the rainfall deficiency experienced over the last three years. Rainfall from January 2017 to April 2020 is now considered to be average or below average for most of the Goulburn catchment (Figure 2). However, areas near Shepparton received very much below average rainfall during this period.
- The recent rainfall has improved soil moisture conditions and increased runoff and inflow into storages (Figures 3 and 4). Announced allocations for high-reliability water shares opened the new water year at 35%, which is the highest opening allocation since 2017-18.
- Allocation prices ended the 2019-20 water year significantly lower (\$220 per ML) than their peak of \$700 per ML in January 2020 (Table 1).
- Looking forward to the 2020-21 summer, if storages experience average inflows similar to those received during 2003-04, announced allocations are expected to reach 100% for high-reliability water shares (Northern Victoria Resource Manager).

## Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days (2 June to 1 July 2020)



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (Compared to 1900-2019 long-term average) (Jan 2017 to June 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:** Eildon and Waranga basin storages as at 1 July 2020

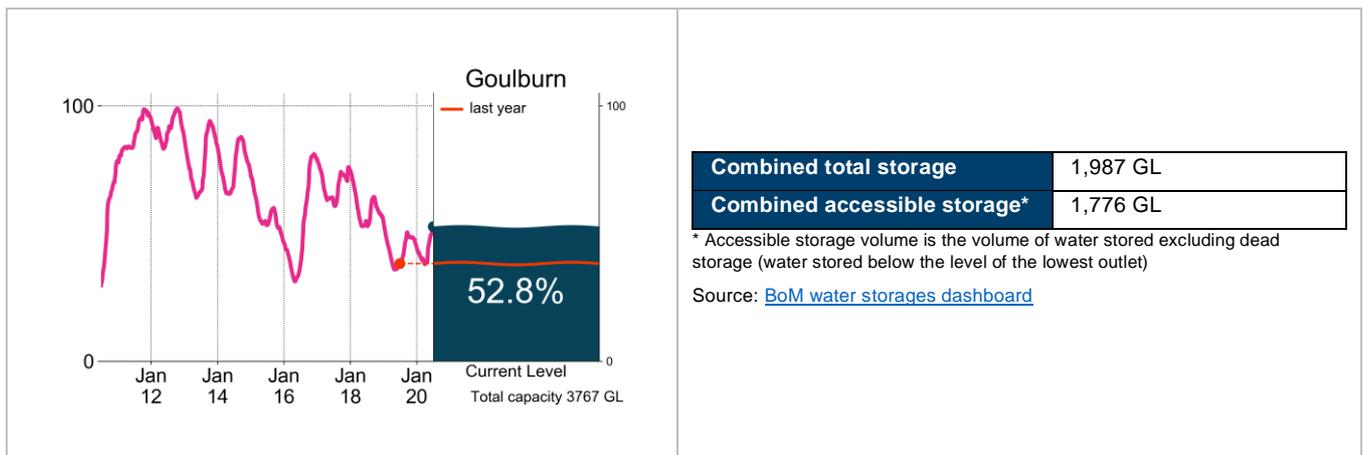


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

## Who is the water for?

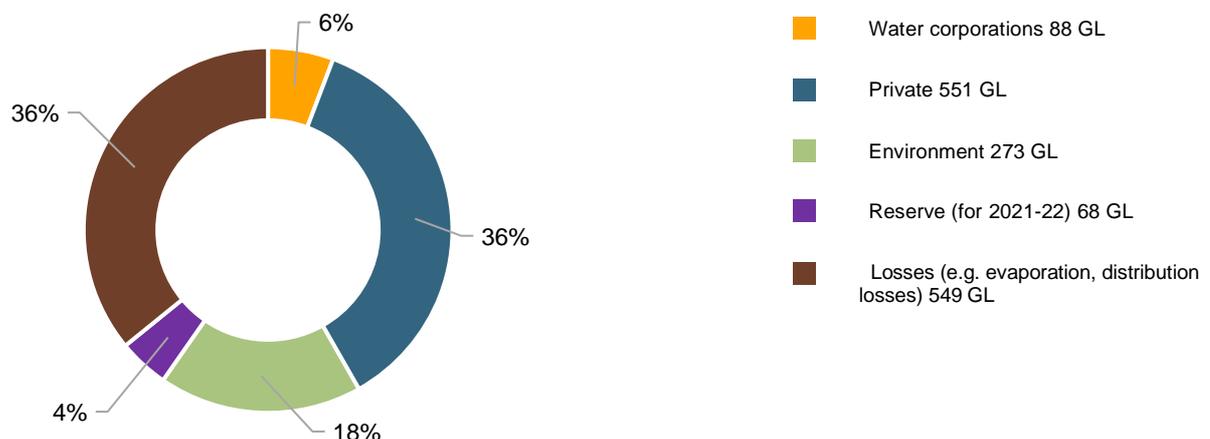


Figure 4: Volumes of water allocations currently available/remaining (% of total remaining) (as at 1 July 2020)

Source: [Northern Victoria Resource Manager](#)

NB: Allocation information shows water available in allocation accounts and remaining commitments at 1 July 2020. Information published by the Northern Victoria Resource Manager differs from information published on the Victorian Water Register as the former includes preliminary environmental water holder use and volumes of operational use by Goulburn-Murray Water private water shareholders.

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – Selected licence categories as at 1 July 2020

Licence category	Announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)	Entitlement Prices (monthly median)	Allocation Price (median - last 7 days)
VIC Goulburn High-Reliability Water Share	35%	Highest opening allocation since 2017-18	\$4,000/ML	\$220/ML
VIC Goulburn Low-Reliability Water Share	0%	Same as most years	\$360/ML	

Source: [Victorian Water Register](#) and [BoM water markets dashboard](#)

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