



Water Reporting Summary - Victorian Murray Catchment

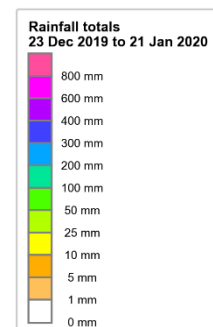
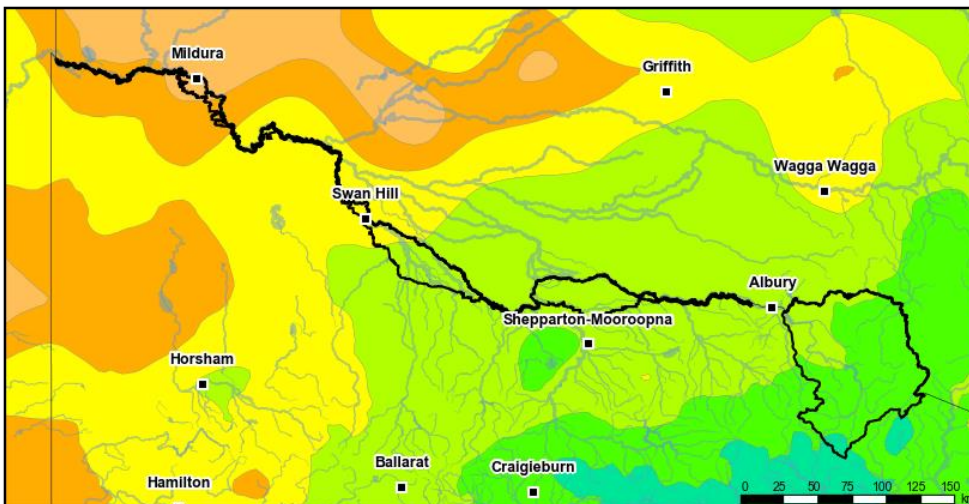
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Overview

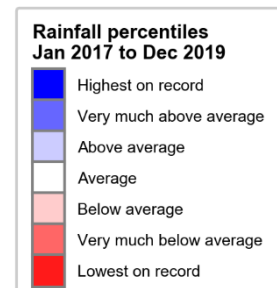
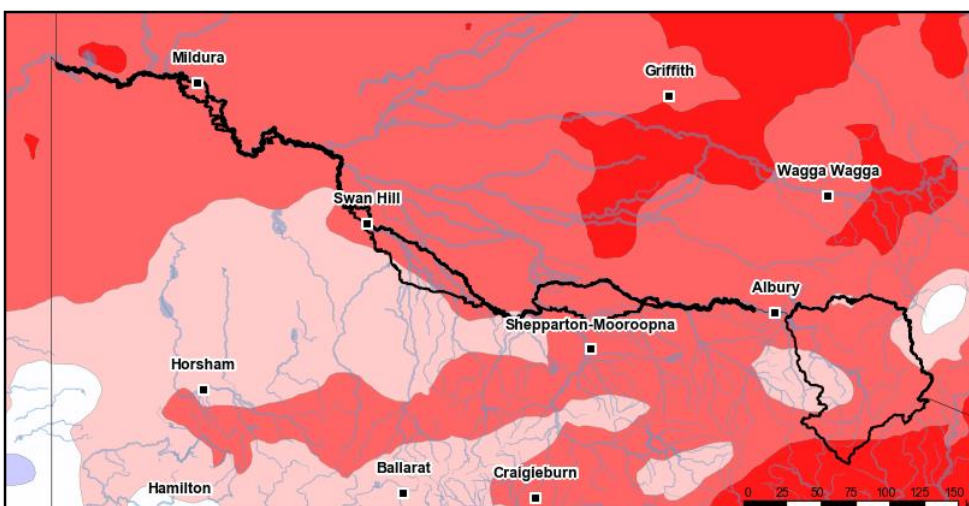
- Most of the upper Victorian Murray catchment received between 25 to 100 mm of rainfall, concentrated mainly over the last two days. In contrast, areas around Mildura received less than 5 to 10 mm over the last 30 days (with the area-average rainfall for the catchment being 49 mm) (Figure 1). This patchy recent rainfall is in the context of the extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall across the Victorian Murray catchment being very much below average (Figure 2).
- Low storage volumes and inflows have led to low allocation volumes (Figure 3). Under average inflow conditions similar to 2014-15, announced allocations (known as seasonal determinations) are expected to reach 65% for high-reliability water shares by 17 February 2020. Under dry inflow conditions similar to 2015-16, announced allocations are only expected to reach 60% (Northern Victoria Resource Manager).
- Announced allocations for high-reliability water shares are currently 56%, which is the lowest level for this time of year since 2008-09 (Table 1).

Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (Compared to 1900-2019 long-term average). 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?

Combined total storage (VIC share*): 1,535 GL (as at end Dec 2019)

*Victoria's share of Dartmouth, Hume, Lake Victoria and Menindee Lakes storages

Source: [MDBA](#)

Storage	% Full (total storage capacity as at 21/1/2020)	% Full (same time last year)
Dartmouth	50%	68%
Hume	20%	34%
Lake Victoria	50%	66%
Menindee Lakes	<1%	3%

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

Who is the water for?

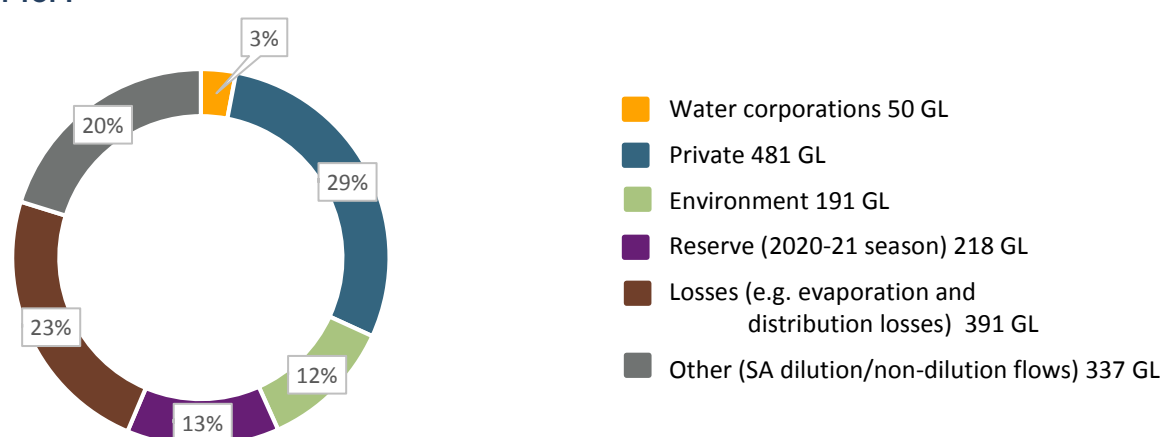


Figure 3: Volumes of water allocations currently available or remaining (% of total remaining) (as at 21 January 2020)

Source: [Northern Victoria Resource Manager](#)

NB: Allocation information shows water currently available in allocation accounts and remaining commitments. 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 for operational use by Goulburn-Murray Water private water shareholders.

Table 1: Allocation announcements (seasonal determinations) (%) - Selected licence categories as at 21 January 2020

Licence category	Current announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)
VIC Murray High-Reliability Water Share	56%	Lowest since 2008-09
VIC Murray Low-Reliability Water Share	0%	Same as most years

Source: [Victorian Water Register](#)

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