



# Water Reporting Summary - Goulburn Catchment

16 December 2019

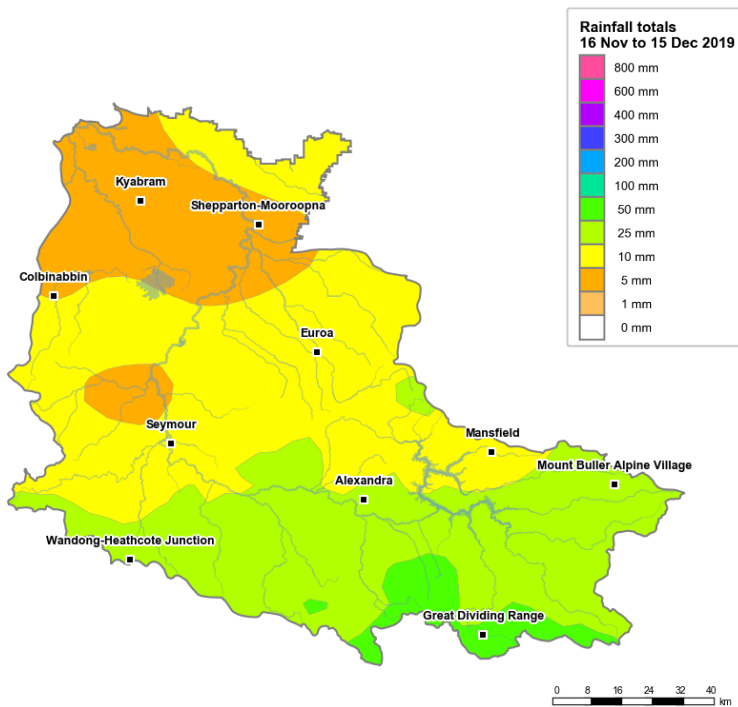


Photo: Goulburn River August 2018 by Nils Versemann

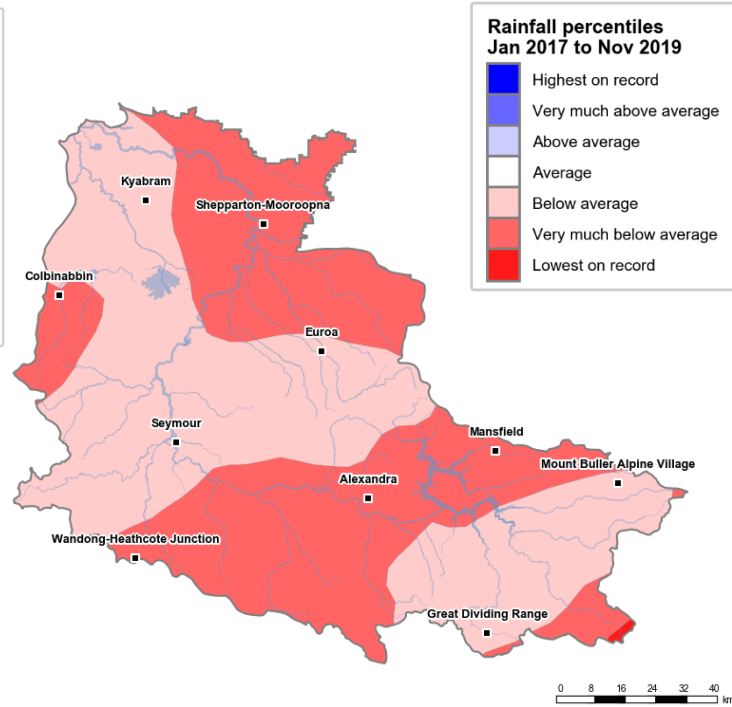
## Overview

- The Goulburn catchment received patchy rainfall in the last 30 days. Some areas received over 50 mm, whereas other areas only received about 10 mm (Figure 1). The area-average rainfall was 23 mm. However this is in the context of an extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall across the Goulburn being below average to 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 2013-14, announced allocations (known as seasonal determinations) are expected to reach 71% for high-reliability water shares. Under dry inflow conditions similar to 2015-16, announced allocations are only expected to reach 67% (Northern Victoria Resource Manager).
- Announced allocations for high-reliability water shares are currently 64%, which is the lowest level for this time of year since 2009-10 (Table 1).

## Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days

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 (as at 15 December 2019)?

Storage volume: Eildon and Waranga basin storages

<b>Combined total storage</b>	1,772 GL
<b>Combined accessible storage*</b>	1,561 GL
<b>%Full (total storage capacity)</b>	47%
<b>%Full (same time last year)</b>	57%

\*Accessible storage volume is the volume of water stored excluding dead storage (water stored below the level of the lowest outlet)

Source: BoM water storages dashboard

## Who is the water for?

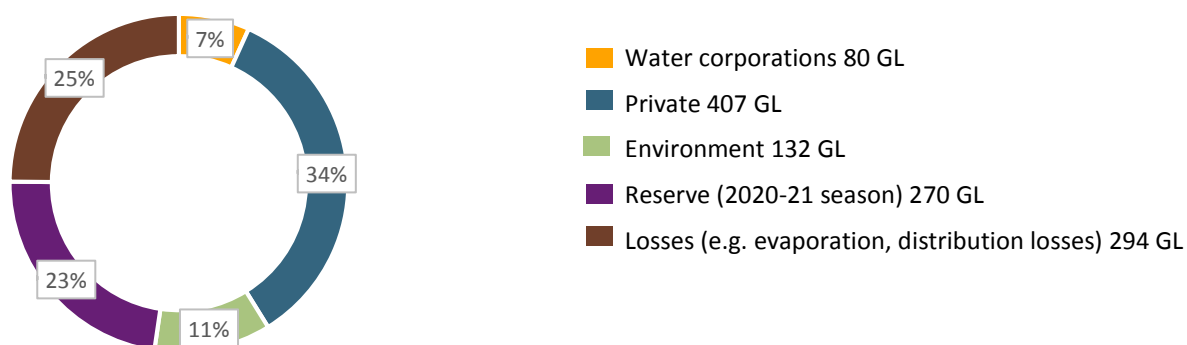


Figure 3: Volumes of water allocations currently available or remaining (% of total remaining) (as at 16 December 2019)

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 of operational use by Goulburn-Murray Water private water shareholders.

Table 1: Allocation announcements (seasonal determinations) (%) - Selected licence categories as at 16 December 2019

Licence category	Current announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)
VIC Goulburn High-Reliability Water Share	64%	Lowest since 2009-10
VIC Goulburn Low-Reliability Water Share	0%	Same as most years

Source: [Victorian Water Register](#)

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