

Demand up as hot temperatures continue.

Temperatures around the irrigation areas averaged around 42°C this week. This has resulted in a large increase in demand. Diversions to the Main Canal at Narrandera, Sturt Canal and Coleambally Canal peaked around 2,800ML/d, 240ML/d and 470ML/d respectively.

Diversions to the Yanco Creek increased this week to 450ML/d. This is in anticipation of increased water usage at the bottom end of the Billabong Creek in March. Irrigators on the Yanco Creek system are reminded to consider the time it takes for water released from the dams to travel to their pumps when placing their water orders.

Combined Dam inflows were 37.1GL this week, while Dam releases were 42.3GL. Burrinjuck Dam recorded inflows of 0.6GL, released 2.2GL and fell slightly to 50.5%. Blowering Dam recorded an inflow of 36.5GL (mainly from Snowy Hydro), released 40.2GL and fell by 0.2% to 33.3%.

Storages

Weekly Summary		
	Burrinjuck	Blowering
Capacity	50.5 %	33.3 %
Volume	520.53 GL	558.56 GL
Change in volume	1.89 GL less	4.35 GL less
Total Inflows	616 ML	36,451 ML
Total Releases	2,156 ML	40,151 ML
Rainfall	3 mm	0 mm

Diversions

	Daily Average	Weekly Total
MIA Main Canal	2,488 ML	17,416 ML
MIA Sturt Canal	208 ML	1,456 ML
Coleambally Main Canal	401 ML	2,807 ML
Yanco Creek Offtake	366 ML	2,559 ML

Lower Weirs

	Hay Weir	Maude Weir	Redbank Weir
Full Supply Level	8.6m	5.9m	5.64m
Present Level	7.1m	2.2m	5.2m
Present Capacity	6,850ML	729ML	4,860ML
Forecast Level	7.3m	2.2m	3.9m
Target Capacity	7,400 Mid Feb	729ML Mid Feb	3,000ML Mid Feb

Murrumbidgee River

Flows in the order of 300, 100, 315, and 190ML/d are currently being experienced downstream of Hay, Maude, Redbank and Balranald respectively. Flows downstream of Balranald are expected to be around 200 ML/d during the coming week.

Yanco Creek System

Diversions to Yanco Creek averaged 366ML/d. Diversions for the coming week are expected to be around 500ML/d. Flows in the order of 150, 55 and 10ML/d are currently being experienced at Jerildrie, Conargo and Darlot. Flows downstream of Darlot are expected to be around 5 ML/d during the coming week.

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