



Winter Operations 2022

What is Winter Operating Mode?

The Winter Operating Mode aims to maximise customers' access to water ordering through the autumn / winter period, traditionally the closed season, while balancing the need to deliver works required for the 3-year maintenance strategy.

Why have a Winter Mode of Operation?

To provide access to water delivery in zones that are not closed for maintenance and give customers the opportunity to better plan crop types and irrigation programs.

To provide certainty for customers when placing orders by advising both "guaranteed" and "non-guaranteed" supply periods for water delivery.

To retain water in the system. Water remaining in the system that is not used by customers during winter operations will improve delivery time and efficiency when system demand increases.

How does it work?

The way Winter Operation mode works is outlined in the [Season Operating Plan 2021/22](#) and includes:

1. Transition into Winter Operations from 2 May to 15 May 2022 – when a 4-day notice for orders is required.

2. Non-guaranteed deliveries from 16 May – where all operational areas will only be able to access non-guaranteed delivery. In maintenance zones, until they are drained, and in non-maintenance zones, dependant on available supply.

3. Transition out of Winter Operations – these dates will be confirmed during the winter as maintenance schedules are completed and operational areas returned to normal operation.

What do I need to do?

Let us know if you intend to irrigate during the Winter Operating period by completing

the **Winter Irrigation and Crop Intentions survey** [here](#).

This will help us plan and schedule all maintenance work.

In maintenance zones where no intentions or orders exist, drawdown will begin sooner than the dates listed in the tables.

What are guaranteed delivery dates?

When we guarantee water delivery, it means that you will get the water you ordered within that timeframe, in accordance with the Distribution Rules.

Please note that Lake Mulwala will be lowered 5 metres below operating level to control invasive water weed from 15 May.

This means we have limited capacity to divert water to replenish the network.

More information from Water NSW, MDBA and Goulburn Murray Water is available [here](#).

Water Delivery Performance

For the period 05/04/22 – 12/04/22

↑ **1066**
outlets
operated



↑ **220 (20.64%)**
outlets didn't receive
ordered volume



↓ **846 (79.36%)**
outlets received
ordered volume

Unacceptable Service Level

↑ **60 (5.63%)** outlets
experienced poor supply
levels



↑ **45 (4.22%)** outlets
show discrepancies and
are under investigation



Acceptable Service Level

↑ **81 (7.60%)**
outlets were impacted by on
farm issues



↓ **34 (3.19%)** outlets were
affected from other factors.
E.g. request for early finish



Announced allocation

Class C General Security..... 110%
Allocation Advance.....8%
Water resource distribution 6%

Water availability and deliveries*

(19/04/2022)

Supplementary Licence..... 121,704 units
Supplementary Diversions.....121,704 ML
Supplementary Deliveries.....94,726 ML
YTD deliveries..... 799,399 ML
Customers..... 695,382 ML
DPIE Deliveries 84,588 ML
WaterNSW Deliveries.....19,429 ML
Weekly Deliveries.....16,984 ML
Weekly crop usage.....(Winter Crops) 47%
Customer account balance..... 437,407 ML
WE in customer accounts..... 810,153 WE
Vol. % remaining..... 54%

*Provisional data

Channel flows today*

Wakool Offtake..... 450 ML
Mulwala Offtake..... 1,700 ML
Billabong Escape..... 0 ML
Edward River Escape..... 850 ML
Perricoota Escape..... 19 ML
Wakool River Escape 31 ML

*Includes DPIE Deliveries

Water trade data

Net trade week..... 0 ML
Net trade YTD..... 37,527 ML

Water exchange data

(18/04/2022)

Internal listings (No. & ML).....12;1,740 ML
External listings (No. & ML)..... 0;0 ML
Int. purchasers (No. & ML)..... 13; 1,216 ML
Ext purchasers (No. & ML)..... 2; 384 ML

Water for sale @ 18/04/22.....14,846 ML
Weighted average sale price..... \$8.00
Price range @ 19/04/22..... \$8 - \$200
Buy offer range @ 19/04/22..... \$4.01 - \$2

Storages*

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Dartmouth 3,592 GL ↓93 % -
Hume 2,570 GL ↓86 % -
Lake Victoria..... 395 GL ↓58 % ↓
Menindee Lakes.....1,837 GL ↑100 % -
Total Storage.....8,394 GL ↓ 91 % -

Rivers*

Murray @ Doctors Point 7,230 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 7,631 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy Bridge..... 910 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald.....3,508 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy.....7,468 ML/d
Flow to SA..... 20,700 ML/d
Murray to the sea 39 gates open

*This information is provided for general reference purposes only. We take best endeavours to ensure accuracy. This data was correct as at 1pm, Tuesday, 12 April 2022

Resource links

[MDBA weekly report](#)

[NSW Water allocation statements](#)

[Rainfall and evaporation](#)

[Barmah Choke trade balance](#)

Guaranteed dates for 2022 Planned Maintenance Zones

Operational Area	Channel System	Guaranteed delivery date
4, 5	Berrigan	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
7, 8	Coree, Mairjimmy	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
17	Tuppal (Mulwala 30)	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
18	Birganbigil	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
19	Mundiwa	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
28	Northern	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021
29	Mallan	Up to end of AM execution 15 May 2021

Your Operational Area is on the Planned Maintenance Schedule map [here](#). **After the guaranteed delivery date, access to water delivery, including stock and domestic water, is opportunistic and cannot be guaranteed.** Draining in maintenance zones will be undertaken in the following priority order:

1. Delivering to requested orders
2. Using accredited escapes
3. Providing opportunistic drainage water to customers
4. Non-accredited escapes.



Guaranteed dates for 2022 areas not closed for maintenance

Operational Area	Region or Channel System	Guaranteed delivery date
1	Mulwala Canal	Up to end of AM execution 16 May 2022
2, 3	Tocumwal, Barooga	Up to end of AM execution 16 May 2022
6	Billabong System	Up to end of AM execution 16 May 2021
9, 10, 11	Mulwala 29, Mulwala 11, Mulwala	Up to end of AM execution 20 May 2021
12, 13	Finley channel system	Up to end of AM execution 20 May 2021
14	Tuppal	Up to end of AM execution 22 May 2021
15, 16	Blighty, Mayrung	Up to end of AM execution 22 May 2021
20, 21	Moulamein, Dahwilly,	Up to end of AM execution 24 May 2021
22, 23, 24, 25, 26	Deniboota, Caldwell, Tantonan, Bunnaloo, Yallakool	Up to end of AM execution 24 May 2021
27, 30	Wakool, Jimaringle	To be advised when Edward River operating levels confirmed by Water NSW.

Deliveries may be available in your area, as outlined in the table above, after the guaranteed date as non-guaranteed, on-allocation water.

Customers in areas not closed for maintenance will be able to order water as normal through the customer portal with 4 days advance notice required.

Channels with water intentions or orders provided to MIL will be given priority to access the available water the system.

No opportunistic drainage water will be available to customers in these areas.

Please be aware, in areas not scheduled for maintenance, there may be some maintenance required. This will be communicated directly with those customers affected in the same way as in season works during the year.

More information on the maintenance strategy can be found [here](#).

What about my stock & domestic supply?

It is the customer's responsibility to maintain adequate stock and domestic storage until normal operations commence in both maintenance and non-maintenance areas.