

# Planning your water needs

December 2011



The current volume of water in our storages is the highest it has been in recent years and is available for customers to use, trade or carryover. Last year, while customers had good allocations, water deliveries were low due to the wet weather. This season, deliveries have been much higher, so much so, that the total amount of gravity irrigation deliveries for the entire 2010/11 season is expected to be exceeded by Christmas.

## Season Update

### Increased water deliveries

Water deliveries within the gravity irrigation systems have increased significantly since the start of the irrigation season on 15 August and far exceed the deliveries for the same period over the past 10 plus years.

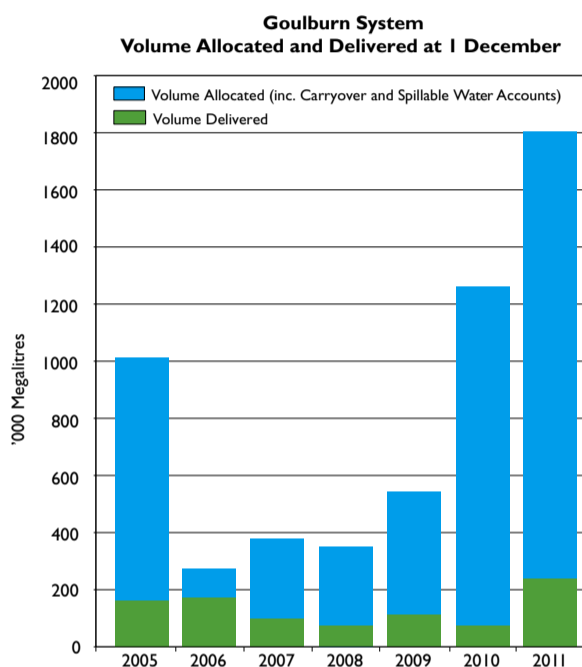
Deliveries to date in the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District is 446,054 ML which is more than 3 times last year's deliveries and equates to 92% of the total deliveries for the entire 2010/11 season.

### Seasonal allocations

Allocations have now reached 100% on all systems for high-reliability water shares. The Resource Manager will continue to make allocation announcements on the 15th of each month (or next working day) until 1 April 2012.

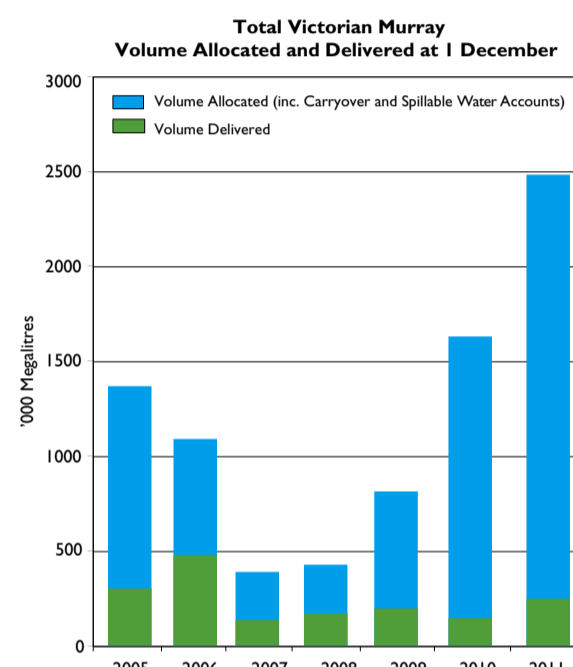
### 2012/13 Seasonal Outlook

The first 2012/13 seasonal outlook will be published by the Northern Victorian Resource Manager in February 2012. The outlooks provide a guide for possible seasonal allocations based on dry, average and wet conditions.



### Allocation Trades

G-MW has processed more than 1,355 allocation trades so far this season which is an increase of 14% on last season. The total volume of trade is 360,208 ML.



### Water Share Transfers

G-MW has processed more than 1,989 water share trade applications this season, including more than 800 applications received as part of the start of season water trade ballot.

## Low-Reliability Water Share update

While the Broken, Campaspe and Bullarook systems have seasonal allocations of both high-reliability water shares and low-reliability water shares, it is unlikely that the larger Murray or Goulburn systems will receive low-reliability water share allocations in 2011/12.

However many customers have carried over significant volumes of water from last season and already hold volumes of allocation in their Allocation Bank Account equivalent in volume to almost 100% of their low-reliability water share.

## Spill declaration expected – Goulburn and Campaspe systems

The Northern Victorian Resource Manager is expecting to make the declaration of a low risk of spill on the Goulburn and Campaspe systems in the near future. Although Lake Eildon and Lake Eppalock remain at or near full capacity, the risk of spill is decreasing as warmer weather conditions reduce inflows and lead to increased water use by customers. However, a return of wet weather could reduce usage and raise the risk of spill, which could delay the declaration being made.

Once a declaration is made, the volume of water in your Spillable Water Account will be returned to your Allocation Bank Account and be available for use or trade.

## Water Safety reminder

With the holiday season approaching and weather warming up, it is important to remember that irrigation channels are dangerous and are not safe to swim in. Channel levels and regulator gates can change suddenly while pipes, rocks and debris can be hidden below the surface. Stay safe this summer, please ensure you, your family and your friends don't enter or play in irrigation channels.



## Christmas operating hours

All G-MW offices will remain open over the Christmas period except for public holidays.

Don't forget you can order your water online or over the phone, 24 hours a day at [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au) or on 1300 469 469.

For all emergencies please call 1800 064 184 (24hr).

For all general enquiries please call 1800 013 357.

## Seasons greetings to all G-MW customers

The Board and staff of G-MW wish all customers and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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