

Upper Murray Groundwater Management Area

Upper Murray GMA

The Upper Murray Groundwater Management Area (GMA) covers the Upper Murray River catchment from the Omeo to Corryong and Tallangatta and includes the Mitta Mitta, Corryong Creek and Murray catchments (map provided overleaf).

Groundwater resources in the Upper Murray GMA are managed under the Local Management Plan (the Plan) that was approved in 2014.

Groundwater entitlement and use

There is currently 3,402.6 megalitres per year (ML/yr) of licensed groundwater entitlement in the Upper Murray GMA.

The majority of licensed groundwater entitlement is held in the Indi management zone (Table 1; zones shown on map overleaf).

Table 1 Licensed groundwater entitlement and use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2015/16

Management zone	Entitlement (ML/yr)	Use (ML/yr)
Dartmouth	223.0	3.6
Hume	1,021.2	131.2
Indi	2,158.4	376.1
Total	3,402.6	510.9

Metered use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2015/16 was 511 ML or 15% of total entitlement. Use in the Upper Murray GMA increased slightly from 13% in the 2014/15 season.

Groundwater trading

Customers may transfer entitlement on a temporary or permanent basis within or between zones provided management zone caps are not exceeded.

There were no permanent or temporary transfers during the 2015/16 season.

Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels are monitored in 10 State observation bores located across the Upper Murray GMA. Groundwater levels fluctuate seasonally in response to climatic conditions (Figures 1 and 2).

Higher than average summer rainfall during the 2015/2016 season meant groundwater levels did not decline as much as previous seasons.

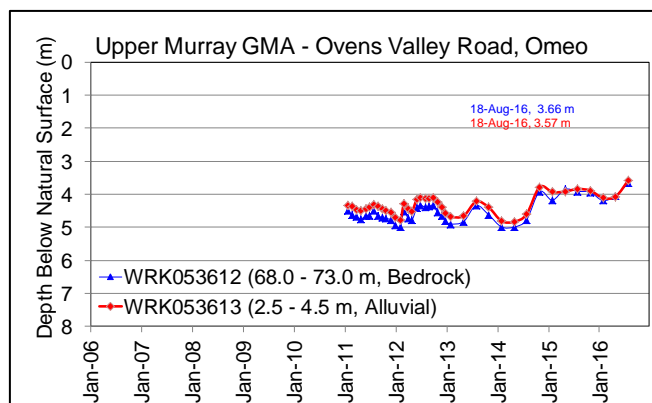


Figure 1 Groundwater levels in Omeo

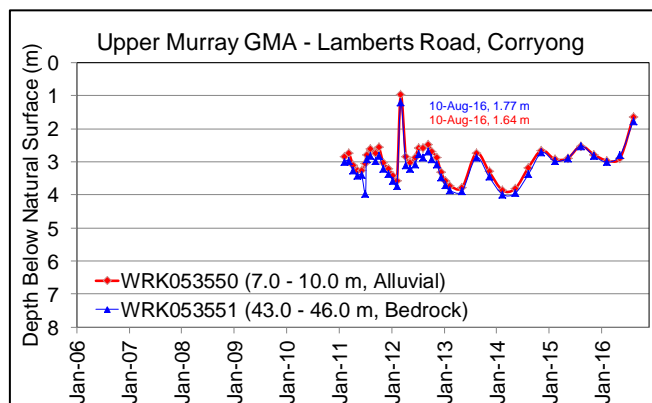


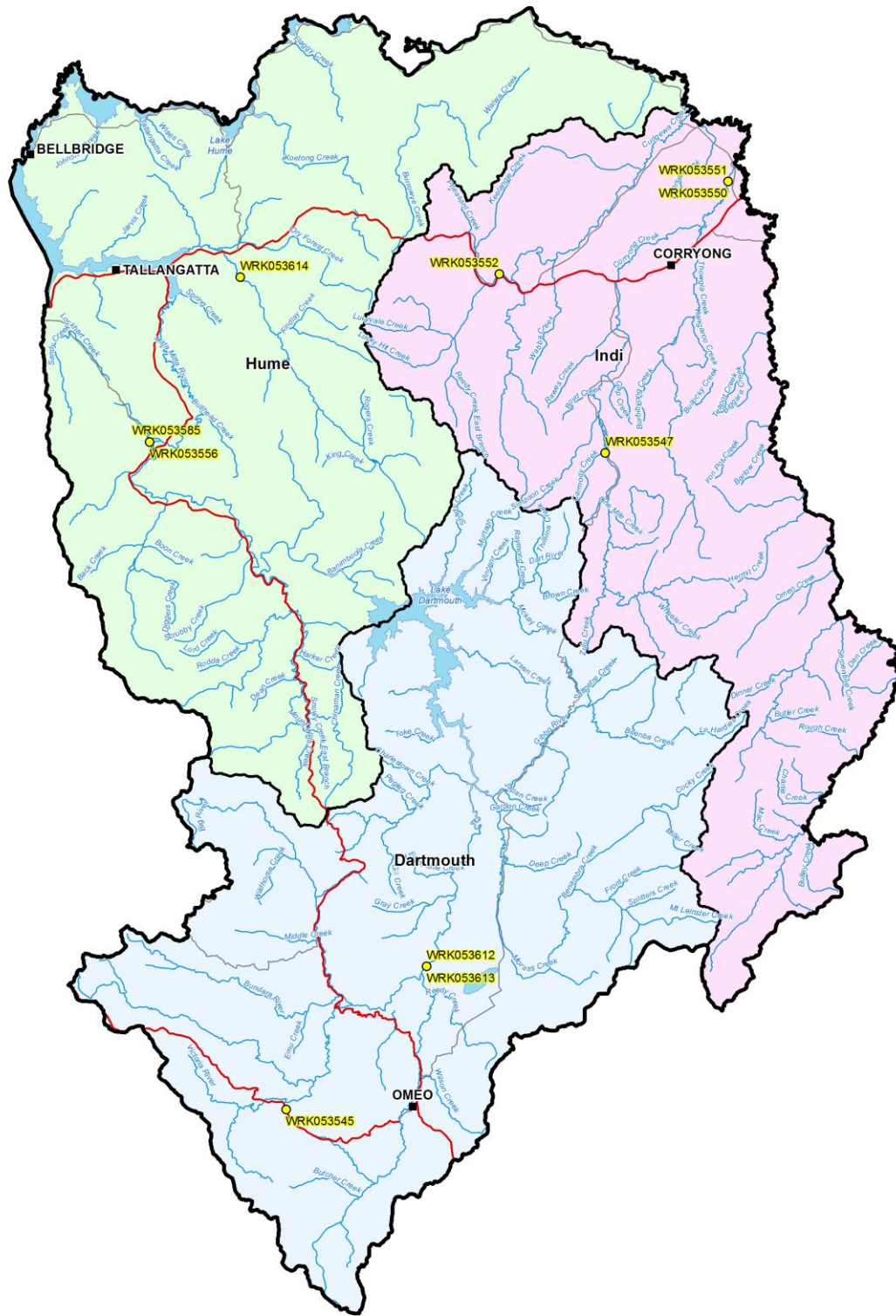
Figure 2 Groundwater levels near Corryong

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You can download a copy of the Plan from the GMW website www.gmwater.com.au or call 1800 013 357

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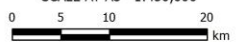



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Legend

Upper Murray GMA	Freeway/Highway	Sub Zone
State Observation Bore	Major Road	Dartmouth
Town - Major	Waterbody	Hume
	Waterway	Indi

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