

Mid Goulburn Groundwater Management Area

The Mid Goulburn Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from the foothills of the Great Dividing Range near Avenel to Wunghnu in the north and incorporates the towns of Nagambie, Tatura and Shepparton (shown on map overleaf).

Groundwater resources in this region are managed through the Mid Goulburn GMA Local Management Plan.

Groundwater licensed volume and use

Currently the licensed volume in the Mid Goulburn GMA is 12,469.9 megalitres per year (ML/yr) (Table 1).

Table 1 Groundwater licensed volume and metereduse by management zone in 2016/17

| Management zone | Licensed volume (ML/yr) | Metered use (ML) |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1070 Kialla | 6,200.9 | 878.5 |
| 1071 Nagambie | 6,269.0 | 907.1 |
| Total | 12,469.9 | 1,785.6 |

Metered use in the Mid Goulburn GMA in 2016/17 was 1,785.6 ML (14% of total licensed volume). This is less than half the volume used in 2015/16 (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Annual metered use as a proportion of licensed volume in the Mid Goulburn GMA

Groundwater trading

Licence holders may transfer licensed volume on a temporary or permanent basis, within or between management zones, provided zone limits documented in the Local Management Plan are not exceeded.

In 2016/17, there were five licence transfers completed within the Mid Goulburn GMA (Table 2), compared to two in 2015/16.

| Table 2 | Summary | of | licence | transfers | in | the | Mid |
|-------------------------|---------|----|---------|-----------|----|-----|-----|
| Goulburn GMA in 2016/17 | | | | | | | |

| Type of transfer | Transfer from (Zone) | Transfer to (Zone) | Total volume transferred (ML/yr) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Permanent | Kialla | Kialla | 40.0 |
| Permanent | Kialla | Nagambie | *35.0 |
| Permanent | Nagambie | Nagambie | 3.0 |
| Temporary | Nagambie | Nagambie | 80.0 |

*Note, two individual transfers make up this total

Carryover

Licence holders may carryover up to a maximum of 20% of their unused licensed volume in the Mid Goulburn GMA. A total of 2,486.4 ML of carryover is available for use by Mid Goulburn GMA customers in 2017/18.

Looking to buy or sell licensed volume?

Watermatch is an online forum where licence holders can advertise their interest to buy or sell licensed volume; either groundwater or unregulated surface water.

Visit www.watermatch.com.au

Groundwater resources

Groundwater level and rainfall charts are provided overleaf.

In the Kialla Zone, groundwater levels fluctuate seasonally in response to climatic conditions and groundwater extraction.

Groundwater levels have been declining since the mid-1990s in both management zones, however in the Kialla Zone and in the deep lead (Calivil Formation) in the Nagambie Zone the magnitude of this decline has decreased since 2010/11.

Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the Local Management Plan from the Goulburn-Murray Water website <u>www.gmwater.com.au</u> or call GMW on 1800 013 357.

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