

Upper Murray Groundwater Management Area

Upper Murray GMA

The Upper Murray Groundwater Management Area (GMA) covers the Upper Murray River catchment from Omeo north to Corryong and Tallangatta and includes the Mitta Mitta, Corryong 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 licenced volume and use

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

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

Table 1 Licensed groundwater volume and use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2016/17

Management zone	Volume (ML/yr)	Use (ML/yr)
Dartmouth	223.0	37.1
Hume	1,021.2	83.9
Indi	2,158.4	319.1
Total	3,402.6	440.1

Metered use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2016/17 was 440.1 ML or 13% of total volume. Use in the Upper Murray GMA decreased slightly from 15% in the 2016/17 season.

Groundwater trading

Licence holders may transfer volume on a temporary or permanent basis within or between zones provided management zone caps are not exceeded.

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 2016/17 season meant groundwater levels did not decline as much as previous seasons.

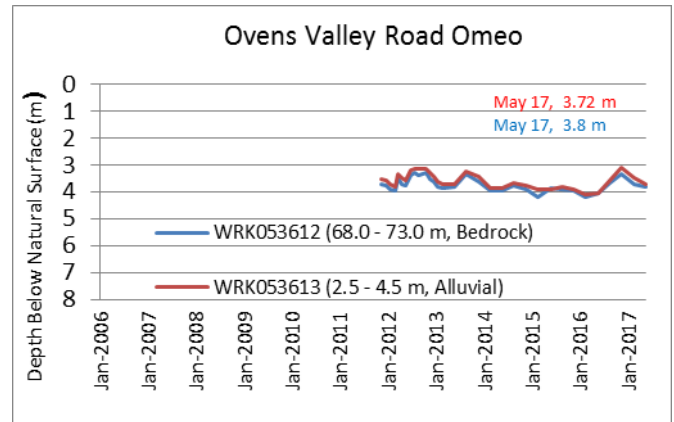


Figure 1 Groundwater levels in Omeo

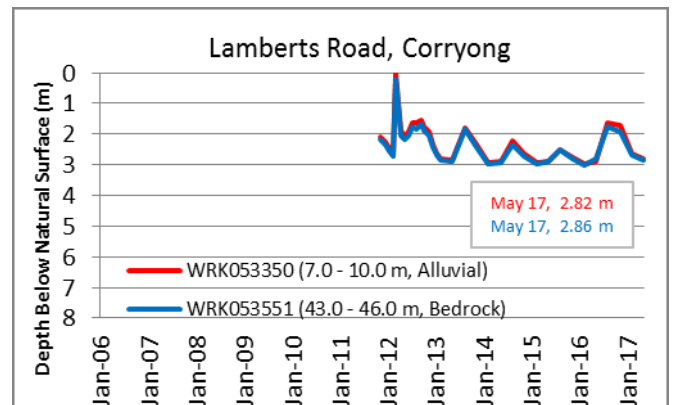


Figure 2 Groundwater levels near Corryong

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

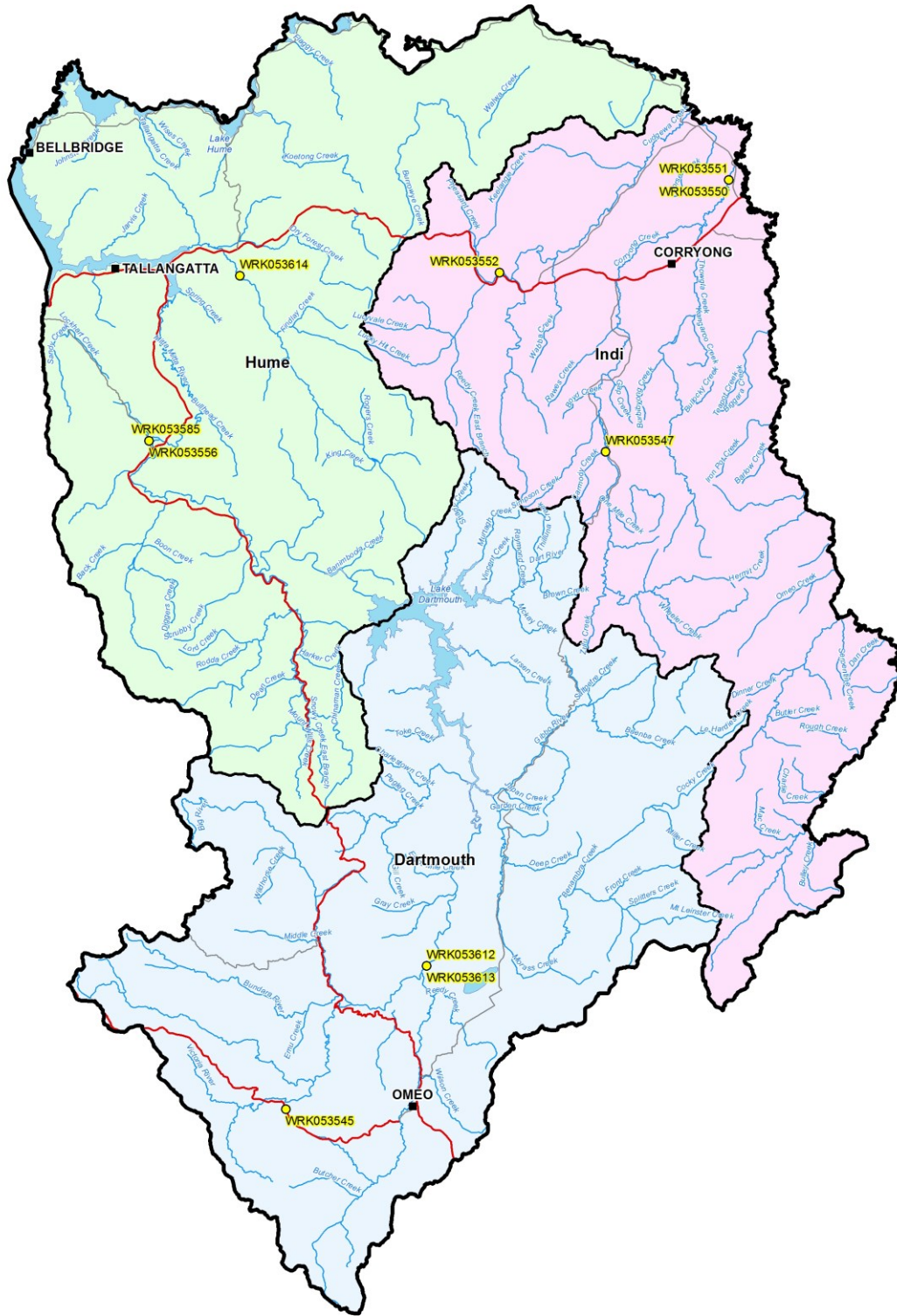
Transferring licensed volume can provide an opportunity to generate income from unused entitlement for sellers, or increase production

Where can I get more information?

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

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	Town - Major
	Freeway/Highway
	Major Road
	Waterbody
	Waterway
	Dartmouth
	Hume
	Indi

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