

# Lake Mulwala

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

A community guide for lake and foreshore queries.



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Organisation	Role & Responsibilities
<p><b>Aboriginal Affairs Victoria</b> Wangaratta Regional Office 03 5722 7133 PO Box 1282, WANGARRATTA VIC 3676 <a href="http://www.dvc.vic.gov.au/aaav">www.dvc.vic.gov.au/aaav</a></p>	<p>Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) is the Victorian Government's central point of advice on all aspects of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria.</p>
<p><b>Corowa Shire</b> Corowa Head Office 02 6033 8999 PO Box 77, COROWA NSW 2646 <a href="http://www.corowa.nsw.gov.au">www.corowa.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Corowa Shire represents the interests of the residents of Corowa Shire which includes all areas of public foreshore land in NSW. Corowa Shire is the local government authority with responsibility for statutory planning matters, urban water supply, wastewater management, stormwater management, waste management services, management of public facilities and reserves, management of animals and local law enforcement. Corowa Shire also directly manages some areas of the NSW foreshore including various reserves and public foreshore facilities (e.g. boat ramps and public jetties).</p>
<p><b>Environment Protection Authority Victoria</b> North East Region Office 03 5720 1111 27-29 Faithful Street, WANGARATTA VIC 3677 <a href="http://www.epa.vic.gov.au">www.epa.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>EPA Victoria is a statutory authority established under the Environment Protection Act, 1970. It exists to ensure the protection of beneficial uses of air, water and land from the adverse impacts of waste and unwanted noise.</p>
<p><b>Fisheries Victoria (Department of Primary Industries)</b> Wodonga Office (fisheries management officer) 02 60437929 1 McKoy Street, PO Box 303 Wodonga 3690 <a href="http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au">www.dpi.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Fisheries Victoria is part of the Department of Primary Industries which promotes the sustainable development of primary industries within Victoria. By agreement in 2004, recreational fishing compliance (licenses, size and bag limits etc) in Lake Mulwala became the responsibility of NSW DPI Fisheries. However at Lake Mulwala Fisheries Victoria retained responsibility for managing fish habitat (e.g. timber removal) issues on Victorian lakebed areas.</p>
<p><b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b> Tatura Head Office 03 5833 5500 PO Box 165, TATURA VIC 3616 <a href="http://www.g-mwater.com.au">www.g-mwater.com.au</a>  Yarrowonga Weir Office 03 5744 3137  Blue-green algae hotline 03 5833 5785</p>	<p>G-MW manages water storage, delivery and drainage systems involving 70 percent of Victoria's stored water. This includes harvesting, storing and delivering water, and ensuring water is available for all of its customers. It operates on a cost recovery basis and provides for the ongoing refurbishment of infrastructure of the system. At Lake Mulwala G-MW maintains and manages the Weir structure, on behalf of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Water releases and lake level are managed by the Authorities River Murray division. G-MW manages Victorian public lake bed and public foreshore land, and delivers various projects and programs subject to direction and funding by the MDBA. G-MW coordinates the blue green algal monitoring and response program, and is responsible for licencing and approving structures on the Victorian foreshore. G-MW is also primarily responsible for the implementation of the Lake Mulwala Land and On-Water Management Plan on behalf of the MDBA.</p>
<p><b>North East Catchment Management Authority</b> Head Office Wodonga 02 6043 7600 PO Box 616, WODONGA VIC 3689 <a href="http://www.necma.vic.gov.au">www.necma.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The North East Catchment Management Authority is a statutory authority responsible for co-ordinating integrated catchment management and sustainable land and water use in Victoria's North East region. This is primarily achieved through the preparation, coordination and implementation of the North East Region Catchment Strategy, where the CMA has operational responsibility for waterway and floodplain management in priority areas.</p>
<p><b>North East Water</b> Head Office Wodonga 1300 361 622 PO Box 863, WODONGA VIC 3689 <a href="http://www.nerwa.vic.gov.au">www.nerwa.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>"North East Water is responsible for urban water treatment and supply and wastewater management to townships along the Victorian foreshore including Yarrowonga and Bundalong. North East Water also provides advice and assistance to new developers, plumbing services and trade waste.</p>
<p><b>NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)</b> Hume District Office 02 6042 4228 3/556 Macaulay Street, ALBURY NSW 2640 <a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au">www.dpi.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) is responsible for the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of aquatic habitats by administering the Fisheries Management Act to control certain activities impacting on aquatic habitats (e.g. lakebed timber removal &amp; relocation). This includes reviewing development and works proposals on the foreshore and lake that may impact on aquatic habitats to ensure they meet the requirements of the Act. By agreement in 2004, recreational fishing compliance (licenses, size and bag limits, etc) in the whole of Lake Mulwala became the responsibility of NSW DPI.</p>
<p><b>NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change</b> 02 6022 0600 PO Box 544, ALBURY NSW 2640 <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au">www.environment.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change manages the states natural resources. The department's wideranging responsibilities include climate change and greenhouse issues, air and water quality, noise control and regulation of chemicals, programs to reduce waste, toxicity litter and illegal dumping, management of national parks and reserves, threatened species and native vegetation management, protection of soils and land and catchment management, environmental water management and Aboriginal cultural heritage and historic site management.</p>

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<p><b>NSW Department of Water and Energy</b>            Licensing Department            03 5898 3900            PO Box 829, ALBURY NSW 2640  <a href="http://www.dwe.nsw.gov.au">www.dwe.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>“The Department of Water and Energy (DWE) commenced operating in April 2007 and provides policy, legislative, regulatory and management advice in relation to water and energy matters in NSW. The Department works towards achieving a sustainable allocation of water between the environment, communities, farmers and industry. More specifically, for Lake Mulwala and its catchment DWE implements stream rehabilitation works programs; manages diversion licencing (in NSW) and coordinates water quality monitoring programs (not including the blue green algal monitoring and response program which is managed by G-MW).</p>
<p><b>NSW Maritime Authority</b>            Murray Inland Region Office            02 6021 7188            440 Swift Street, ALBURY NSW 2640</p>	<p>NSW Maritime is the NSW maritime regulator. NSW Maritime is a statutory state government body classified by NSW Treasury as a non-budget dependent general government agency. NSW Maritime is a self-funded entity. By interstate agreement NSW Maritime is now the boating authority for the waters of Lake Mulwala and the lower Ovens River upstream as far as Parolas Bridge.</p>
<p><b>Moira Shire</b>            Cobram Head Office            03 5871 9222            PO Box 578, COBRAM VIC 3643  <a href="http://www.moira.vic.gov.au">www.moira.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Moira Shire represents the interests of residents of Moira Shire which includes all areas of the Victorian foreshore including Yarrawonga and Bundalong. Moira Shire is the local government authority with responsibility for statutory planning matters, stormwater management, septic tank management, rubbish and litter, public facilities and reserves management, management of animals and local law enforcement. Moira Shire also manages many areas of Victorian foreshore and public foreshore facilities (e.g. boat ramps and public jetties) directly under a licencing arrangement with Goulburn-Murray Water.</p>
<p><b>Murray Catchment Management Authority</b>            Albury Office            02 6051 2200            PO Box 797, ALBURY NSW 2640</p>	<p>The NSW Murray CMA sets the future direction for natural resource management in the Murray catchment (NSW). The CMA's Catchment Action Plan provides a strategic framework and direction for the technical and financial support of natural resource management. The key objective of the CMA is to actively involve the Murray Catchment's community in biodiversity, land and water management and resource condition improvement. The active management of water quality, soil health, flora and fauna are key shared responsibilities of the Murray CMA and the Lake Mulwala Land &amp; On-water Management Plan.</p>
<p><b>Murray Darling Basin Authority</b>            Commission Office            02 6279 0100            GPO Box 409, CANBERRA CITY 2601  <a href="http://www.mdba.gov.au">www.mdba.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) was established in 2008 to improve the way water is managed in one of Australia's most diverse and significant river systems, the Murray-Darling Basin.             The River Murray division of the Authority directs the operation and management of the River Murray system. At Lake Mulwala the River Murray division is responsible for determining rates of release from the weir and setting the target level for lake operations.</p>
<p><b>Parks Victoria</b>            Regional Information Line            13 19 63            Level 10/535 Bourke Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000  <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>             Yarrawonga Regional Office            PO Box 79, YARRAWONGA VIC 3731</p>	<p>Parks Victoria is the custodian of a diverse estate of significant parks in Victoria totalling approximately 3.96 million hectares, or roughly 17 per cent of Victoria. Through effective environmental and visitor management, Parks Victoria is dedicated to preserving the natural and heritage values of the parks, bays, and waterways, including full protection of sensitive areas. At Lake Mulwala, Parks Victoria is primarily responsible for management of areas of crown land and other public land areas near the junction of the Ovens and Murray Rivers at the top end of Lake Mulwala (e.g. Parolas Bend, Camerons Bend reserve areas). This includes management of camping and public access and the protection of environmental values within the reserve areas. Parks Victoria works collaboratively with Goulburn-Murray Water, DSE and other agencies to achieve sound environmental outcomes and well managed public access to these areas.</p>
<p><b>Yarrawonga-Mulwala Tourism</b>            Yarrawonga Visitor Centre            (03) 5744 1989            Irvine Parade, Yarrawonga  <a href="http://www.yarrawongamulwala.com.au">www.yarrawongamulwala.com.au</a></p>	<p>Yarrawonga-Mulwala Tourism provides advice on tourism related activities and services for Lake Mulwala and the surrounding region.</p>
<p><b>Yorta Yorta</b>            03 5869 3353            PO Box 27 NATHALIA VIC 3638</p>	<p>“The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 recognises Aboriginal people ‘as the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders of Aboriginal cultural heritage’. Registered Aboriginal Parties play a leading role in administering the new Act and have well defined responsibilities for managing and protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage at a local level. Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Corporation is the recognised Registered Aboriginal Party for a large area of northern Victoria which includes the Victorian foreshore lands at Lake Mulwala.</p>

Issue	Victorian forshore & lakebed	NSW foreshore & lakebed
<b>Aboriginal cultural heritage</b>	<b>Yorta Yorta</b> , Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	<b>NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (Cultural Heritage Division)</b>
<b>Animal management</b> (e.g. dogs)	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Boating</b> (including Ovens River to Parolas Bridge)	<b>NSW Maritime Authority</b>	
<b>Boat ramps (public)</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Water and Energy
<b>Boat ramps (private)</b>	Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Water and Energy
<b>Blue-green algae</b>	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	
<b>Environmental incident</b> (pollution, spills, reportable incidents etc)	<b>Environment Protection Authority Victoria</b>	<b>NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change</b> (Environment Protection Group)
<b>Erosion</b> (foreshore)	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	<b>NSW Department of Water and Energy</b> , Corowa Shire
<b>Planning &amp; development</b> Planning/development applications (on/near foreshore) Licencing of foreshore infrastructure (retaining walls, jetties, stormwater discharge points etc)	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water <b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b> , Moira Shire	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Water and Energy <b>NSW Department of Water and Energy</b> , Corowa Shire
<b>Camping</b> Formal camping facilities (e.g. caravan parks) Informal bush camping areas	<b>Yarrawonga-Mulwala Tourism</b> <b>Parks Victoria</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (Parks & Wildlife)
<b>Fishing information and licencing</b>	<b>NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)</b>	
<b>Fish habitat management</b>	<b>Fisheries Victoria</b> (Dept Primary Industries), Department of Sustainability & Environment, Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)</b>
<b>Fish deaths</b>	<b>NSW &amp; Victorian Departments of Primary Industries (Fisheries)</b> , EPA Victoria, NSW DECC, Goulburn-Murray Water	
<b>Illegal activity &amp; anti-social behaviour</b>	Victoria Police	NSW Police
<b>Jetties (private)</b>	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Jetties (public)</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Tourist information</b>	<b>Tourist Information Centre</b>	
<b>Lake level and storage releases</b>	<b>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	
<b>Moorings</b>	<b>NSW Maritime</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>NSW Maritime</b> , Corowa Shire
<b>Noise</b>	<b>Environment Protection Authority</b>	<b>NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change</b> (Environment Protection Group)
<b>Pest plants &amp; animals</b>	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Paths &amp; access tracks, roads</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b>	Corowa Shire
<b>Public facilities</b> (e.g. boat ramps, toilets, playground equipment, public pathways etc)	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Water and Energy
<b>Public event licencing - on water</b>	<b>NSW Maritime</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>NSW Maritime Authority</b>
<b>Public event licencing - on foreshore</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Public reserves (urban)</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Rubbish &amp; litter</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water, EPA Victoria	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , Department of Environment and Climate Change (Environment Protection Group)
<b>Stormwater (general)</b>	<b>Moira Shire</b> , Goulburn-Murray Water, EPA Victoria	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , Department of Environment and Climate Change (Environment Protection Group)
<b>Structures on public foreshore land</b> (e.g. retaining walls)	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , NSW Department of Water and Energy
<b>Tourism and recreation (general)</b>	<b>Yarrawonga-Mulwala Tourism</b>	
<b>Vegetation management</b> Aquatic weeds Aquatic and foreshore (riparian) vegetation Dead Timber (standing & floating)	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b> , Catchment Management Authorities <b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b> , North East Catchment Management Authority <b>Fisheries Victoria</b> (Dept Primary Industries), Goulburn-Murray Water	<b>Corowa Shire</b> , Murray Catchment Management Authority <b>NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)</b> , Corowa Shire, Goulburn-Murray Water
<b>Water quality and supply (urban, potable drinking &amp; household use)</b>	<b>North East Water</b>	<b>Corowa Shire</b>
<b>Water quality and supply (rural, agricultural, irrigation)</b>	<b>Goulburn-Murray Water</b>	<b>NSW Department of Water and Energy</b>

Note: Primary contact in **bold font**.

State border is the top of the southern bank of the original Murray River course, which is now submerged beneath Lake Mulwala.