

Kiewa Groundwater Management Area

The Kiewa Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from the Bogong High Plains to Wodonga, including the Kiewa River, Yackandandah and Running Creek catchments (refer map overleaf).

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

Groundwater volume and use

There is currently 3,114.0 megalitres per year (ML/yr) of licensed groundwater volume in the Kiewa GMA. The majority of volume is held in the Kiewa Valley management zone (Table 1).

Table 1 Licensed groundwater volume and use in the
Kiewa GMA in 2017/18

Management zone	Volume (ML/yr)	Use (ML/yr)
Kiewa Valley	2,309.9	283.8
Running Creek	421.0	91.2
Yackandandah	383.1	46.8
Total	3,114.0	421.8

Metered use in the Kiewa GMA in 2017/18 was 421.8 ML or 14% of total volume, compared to 13% of total volume in 2016/17.

Groundwater trading

Licence holders may transfer volume on a temporary or permanent basis within or between zones in the Kiewa GMA provided management zone caps documented in the Plan are not exceeded.

No permanent or temporary transfers occurred within the Kiewa Valley GMA in the 2017/18 season.

Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels are monitored across the Kiewa GMA in 16 State observation bores (locations shown on map overleaf).

Groundwater levels at Kergunyah show a response to seasonal rainfall (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Groundwater levels in Kergunyah

Groundwater levels at Myrtleford – Yackandandah Road also showed a seasonal response to rainfall (Figure 2).



Figure 2 Groundwater levels at Myrtleford – Yackandandah Road.

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.

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Where can I get more information?

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

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