

Upper Murray Groundwater Management Area

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), which was approved in 2014.

Groundwater licenced volume and use

There is currently 3,531.6 megalitres per year (ML/yr) of licenced groundwater in the Upper Murray GMA.

The majority of licenced groundwater volume is held in the Indi management zone.

Table 1. Licenced volume and use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2019/20

Management zone	Licence volume (ML/yr)	Use (ML)
Dartmouth Zone	223.0	63.9
Hume Zone	1,150.2	165.0
Indi Zone	2,158.4	246.9
Total	3,531.6	475.8

Metered use in the Upper Murray GMA in 2019/20 was 475.8 ML or 13 per cent of total volume, which is 1 per cent more than in the 2018/19 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.

No permanent or temporary transfers occurred within the Upper Murray GMA in the 2019/20 season.

Looking to buy or sell licenced volume?

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

Visit www.watermatch.com.au

Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels are monitored in ten State observation bores located across the Upper Murray

GMA. Groundwater levels fluctuate seasonally in response to climatic conditions (Figures 1 and 2).

Groundwater levels are recovering in the Omeo and Corryong monitoring bores due to higher rainfall during the 2019/20 season than previous years.

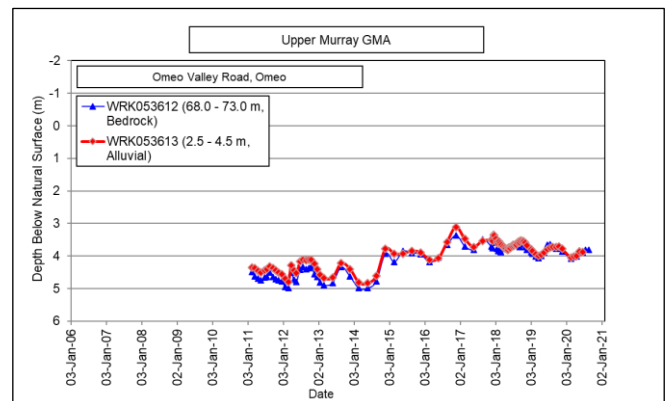


Figure 1. Groundwater levels in Omeo

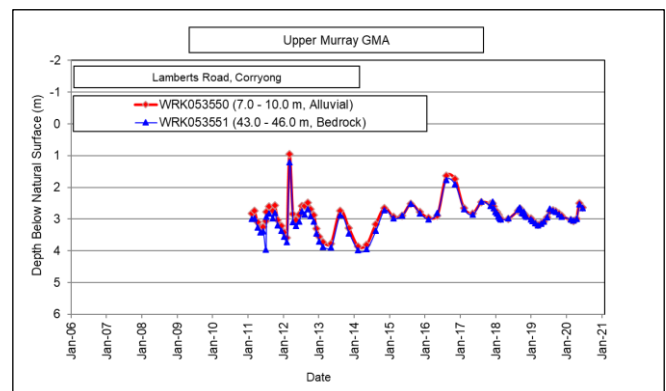
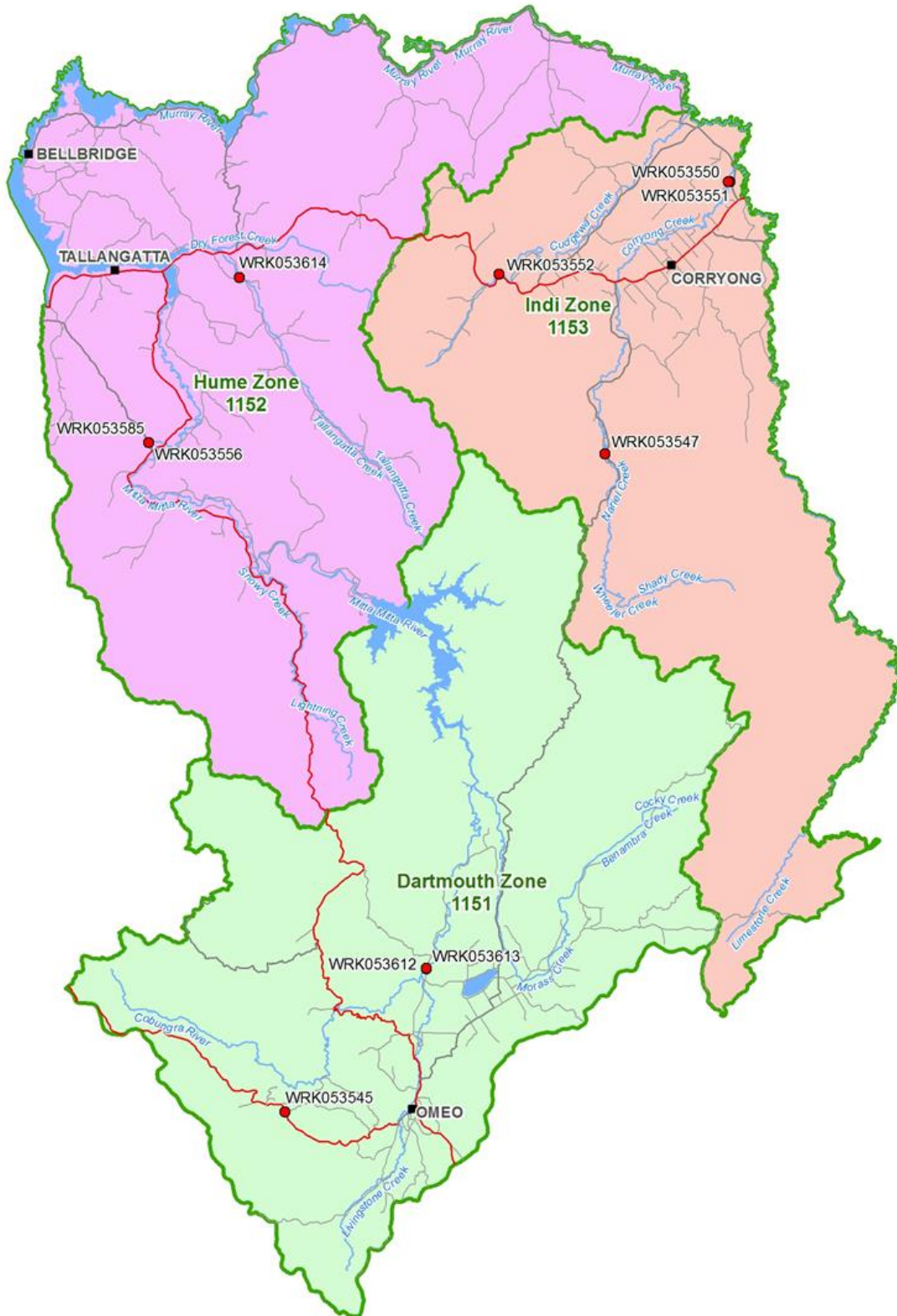


Figure 2. Groundwater levels near Corryong

Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the Local Management Plan from the Goulburn-Murray Water website www.gmwater.com.au, or phone GMW on 1800 013 357.

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