

West Goulburn Groundwater Management Area

The West Goulburn Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from Wandong-Heathcote Junction north to the River Murray, incorporating the towns of Kilmore, Broadford, Rushworth, Kyabram and Barmah (shown on map overleaf).

Groundwater resources

Rainfall recorded in the West Goulburn GMA in 2019/20 was average however, groundwater levels remained relatively stable. Groundwater level and rainfall charts are provided overleaf.

Groundwater licensed volume and use

The licensed groundwater entitlement volume (licensed volume) in the West Goulburn GMA is 3,071.4 megalitres per year (ML/yr). There is no permissible consumptive volume (PCV) limiting licensed volume in the West Goulburn GMA, however there are individual zone caps set (Recorded use in the West Goulburn GMA in 2019/20 was 1,277.1 ML, 42 per cent of total licensed volume (**Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference.**).

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Table 1. Groundwater licensed volume, zone limits	
and recorded use in the West Goulburn GMA	

Management zone	Zone cap/ PCV (ML/yr)	Licensed volume (ML/yr)	Recorded use (ML)
Corop Lakes	500.0	0.0	0.0
Cornella	500.0	104.0	6.4
Kyabram	1,000.0	1,000.0	477.2
Puckapunyal	2,500.0	1,967.4	793.5
Total	No PCV	3,071.4	1,277.1

Groundwater use in 2019/20 is 15 per cent less than the volume used in 2018/19 (Figure 1).

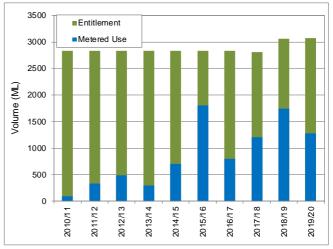


Figure 1. Recorded use as a proportion of licensed volume in the West Goulburn GMA

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.

No trades were undertaken in 2019/20.

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 <u>www.watermatch.com.au</u>

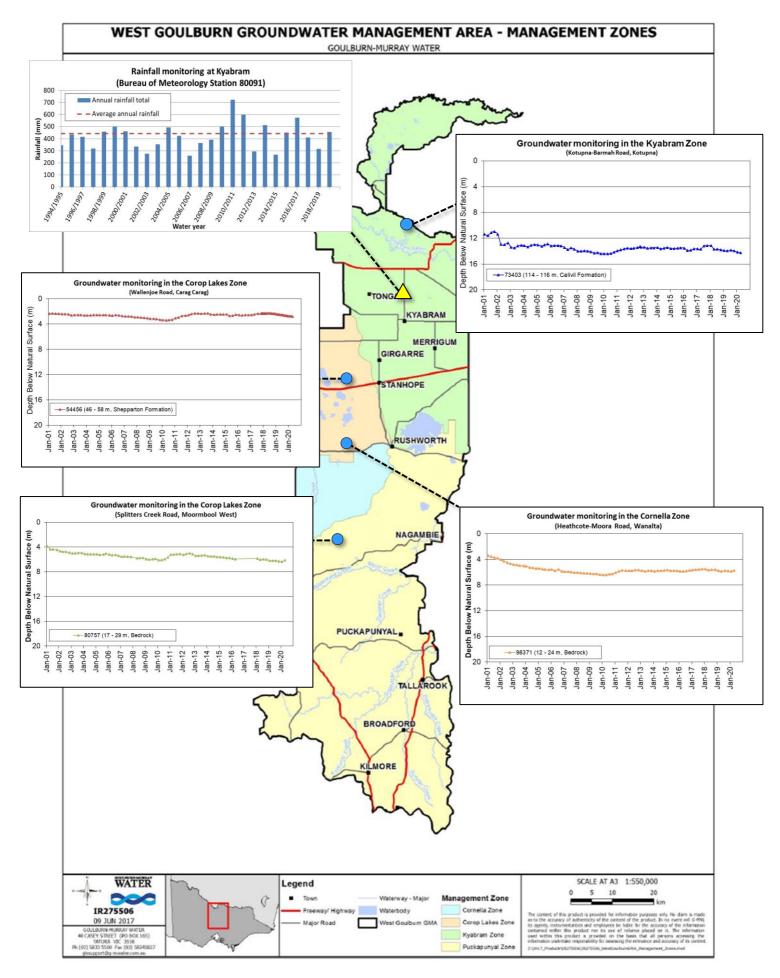
Carryover

Licence holders with metered bores may carryover unused entitlement up to a maximum of 10 per cent of their licensed volume in the West Goulburn GMA customers in 2020/21.

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 phone GMW on 1800 013 357.

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