

## West Goulburn Groundwater Management Area

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

Groundwater resources are managed under a Local Management Plan which was approved by Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) in 2017 (the Plan).

### Groundwater resources

Groundwater levels remained relatively stable in the GMA in 2020/21, despite below average rainfall. Rainfall and groundwater-level charts are provided overleaf.

### Groundwater licensed volume and use

On 30 June 2021, the total licensed groundwater entitlement volume (licence volume) in the GMA was 3,037.4 megalitres per year (ML/yr) (Table 1).

There is no permissible consumptive volume (PCV) limiting licence volume in the GMA, however there are individual zone caps which must not be exceeded.

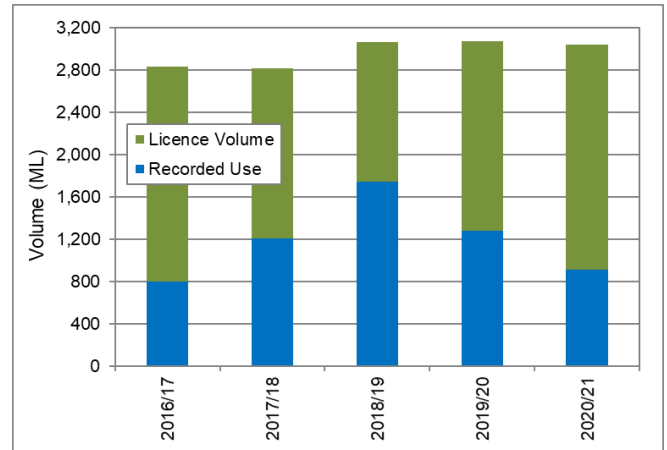
**Table 1. Licence volumes, use and limits for 2020/21**

Management zone	Zone cap/ PCV (ML/yr)	Licence volume (ML/yr)	Recorded use (ML)
Corop Lakes Zone	500.0	0.0	0.0
Cornella Zone	500.0	104.0	0.7
Kyabram Zone	1,000.0	1,000.0	138.7
Puckapunyal Zone	2,500.0	1,933.4	773.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>No PCV</b>	<b>3,037.4</b>	<b>912.5</b>

Recorded use in the GMA was 912.5 ML, or 30 per cent of the total licence volume in 2020/21 (Table 1); the lowest recorded volume in four years (Figure 1).

### Carryover

Under the Plan, licence holders with metered bores in the GMA may carryover unused entitlement up to a maximum of 10 per cent of their licence entitlement volume. The volume that has been carried over for use in 2021/22 was 294.5 ML.



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

### Licence transfers

Under the Plan, licence holders may transfer licence volume on a temporary or permanent basis, within or between management zones, provided zone limits are not exceeded – refer Table 1.

No transfers occurred in the GMA during the 2020/21 water year.

### Licence compliance

In 2020/21 there were no reported instances of alleged unauthorised take of groundwater (incl. overuse) in the GMA.

GMW has a zero-tolerance approach to unauthorised take of non-urban water. Relevant actions, if required, are taken in accordance with GMW's Risk-Based Compliance and Enforcement Framework.

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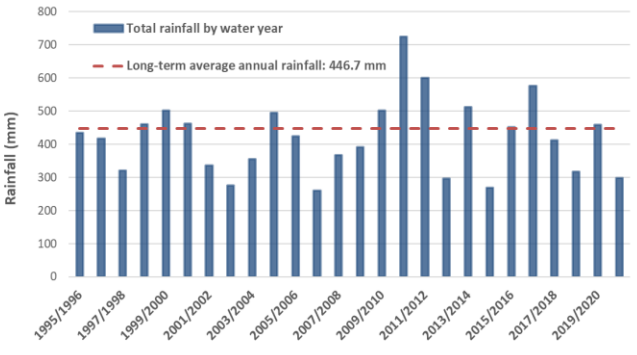
### Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the *West Goulburn GMA Local Management Plan* from the GMW website, [www.gmwater.com.au](http://www.gmwater.com.au) or phone GMW on 1800 013 357.

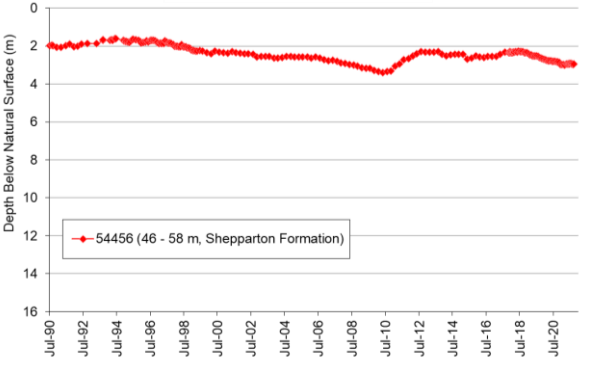
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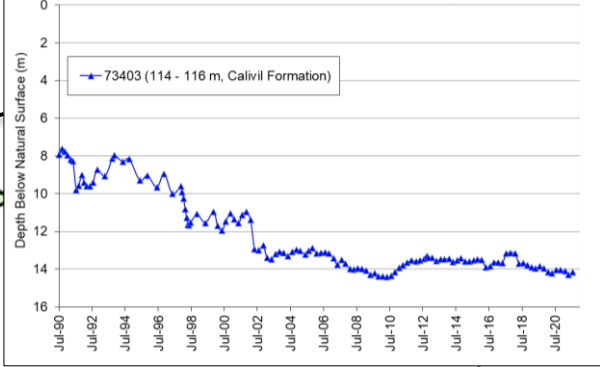
**Rainfall records - Kyabram**  
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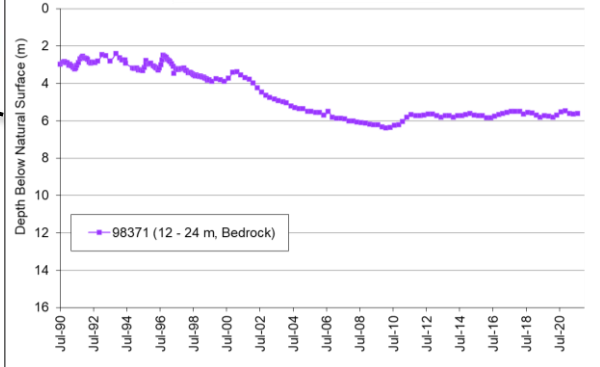
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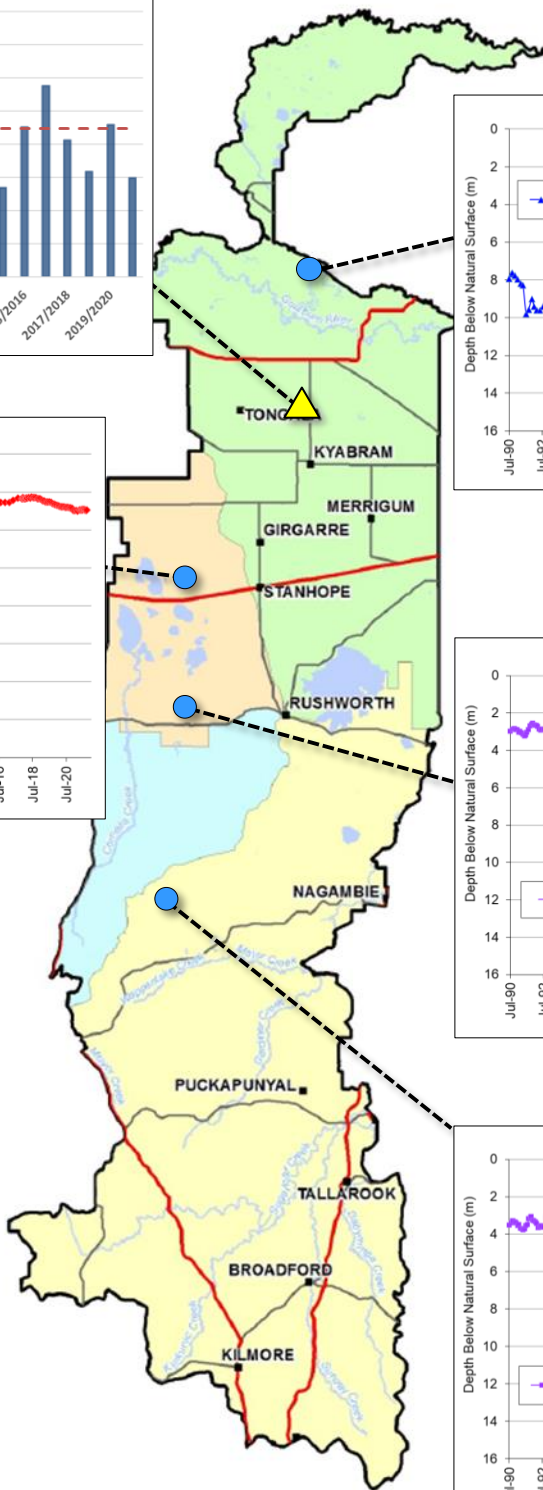
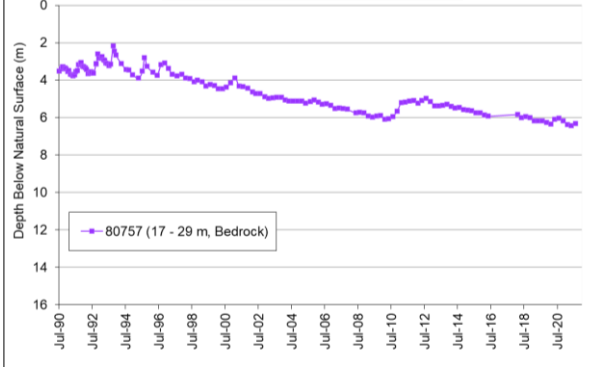
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**Legend**

- Town
- Freeway/ Highway
- Major Road
- Waterway - Major
- Waterbody
- West Goulburn GMA
- Management Zone
  - Cornelia Zone
  - Corop Lakes Zone
  - Kyabram Zone
  - Puckapunyal Zone

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