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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 – *refer to 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 2021/22, despite above average rainfall. Rainfall and groundwater-level charts are provided overleaf.

Groundwater licence volume and use

On 30 June 2022, the total licence 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.

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	17.5	
Kyabram Zone	1,000.0	1,000.0	221.2	
Puckapunyal Zone	2,500.0	1,933.4	751.7	
Total	No PCV	3,037.4	990.4	

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Recorded use in the GMA was 990.4 ML, or 32.6 per cent of the total licence volume in 2021/22 (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 2022/23 is 294.4 ML.

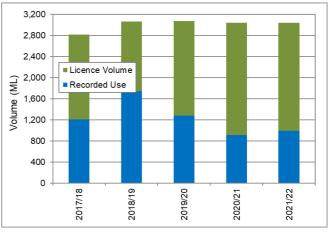


Figure 1. Recorded use as a proportion of licence volume in the West Goulburn GMA

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 2021/22 water year.

Licence compliance

In 2021/22, there were no reported instances of alleged unauthorised take of groundwater (incl. overuse) in the GMA.

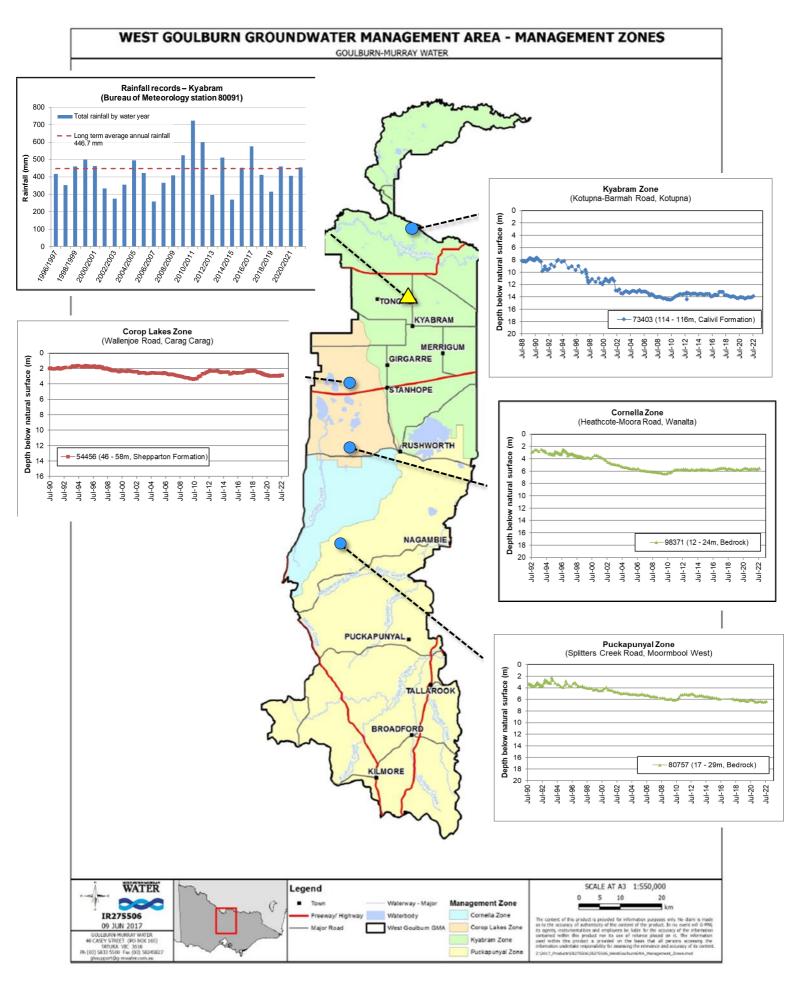
GMW has a zero-tolerance approach to unauthorised take of non-urban water. Relevant actions, if required, are taken in accordance with GMW's Risk-Based Compliance and Enforcement Framework.

Please visit <u>www.gmwater.com.au/compliance</u> for more information.

Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the *West Goulburn GMA Local Management Plan* from <u>www.gmwater.com.au</u> or phone GMW on 1800 013 357.

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