

South East Stage Two Irrigation Scheme

Scheme Performance

By Sam Lawrence, Scheme Operator

The 2025/26 irrigation season for the South East Stage Two Irrigation Scheme delivered strong overall performance, with total water delivery volumes comparable to the previous year. Approximately 1,547 megalitres (ML) of water has been delivered so far this season, compared with 1,500 ML last year.

The season was shaped by extremely dry conditions, which significantly increased demand on the Scheme. A very windy period during spring and early summer added further pressure to the system, contributing to higher usage and operational workload.

A number of moderate operational challenges occurred throughout the season. Several supply shutdowns and restrictions were imposed by TasWater, and a major shutdown was required to repair a failed poly weld on the main line.

In addition, several scheme-wide shutdowns were necessary to replace faulty isolation valves, air valves and water meters, reflecting the ageing nature of some infrastructure.

Faulty assets were replaced with minimal disruption, and strong communication with irrigators ensured expectations were managed throughout the season.



We continued to closely monitor Daisy Banks Dam levels to support supply reliability.

Despite the challenges of a dry season and supply interruptions, the scheme continued to meet irrigator demand.

I would like to thank all irrigators for their cooperation and communication throughout the season.

Maintaining strong relationships and sharing information helps ensure our Scheme continues to deliver water where and when it is needed.

Please reach out if you require further information about our Scheme or the content of this end of season newsletter.

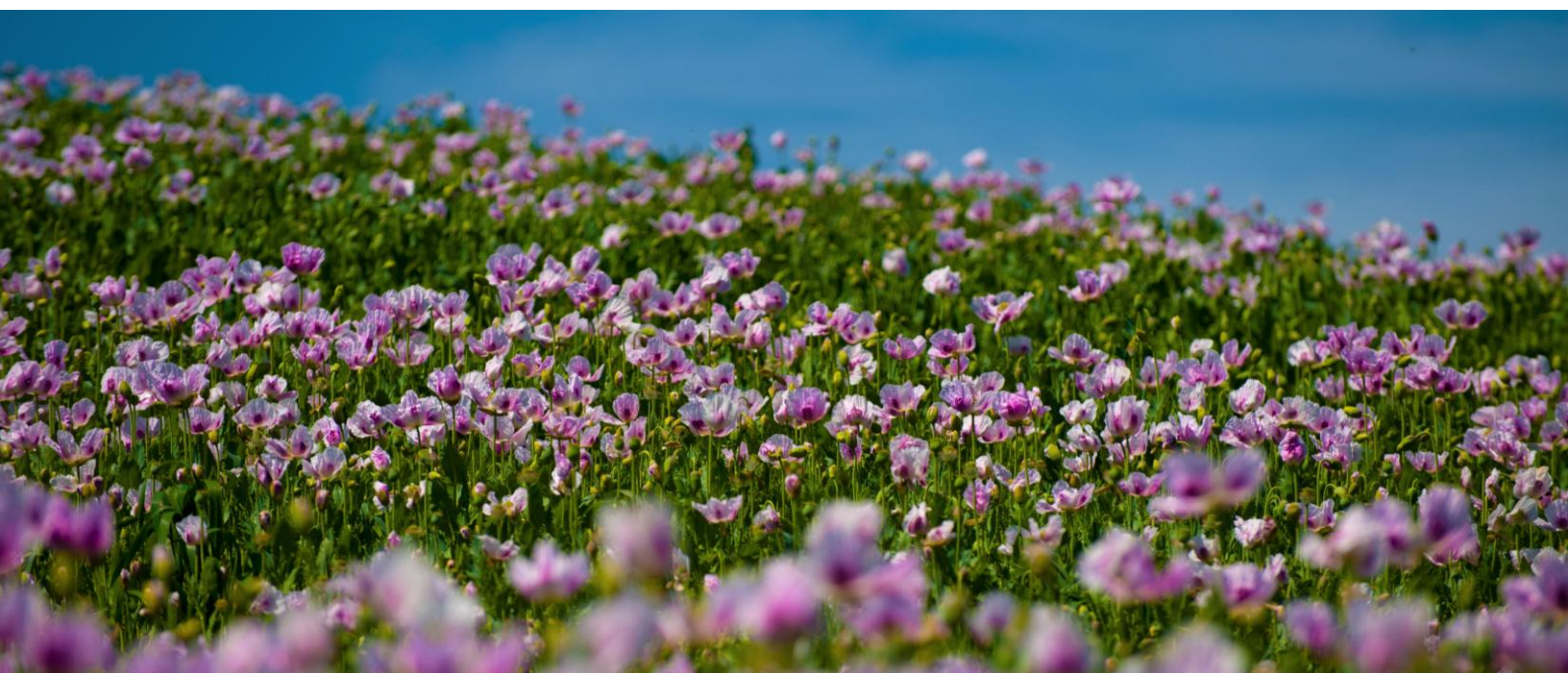
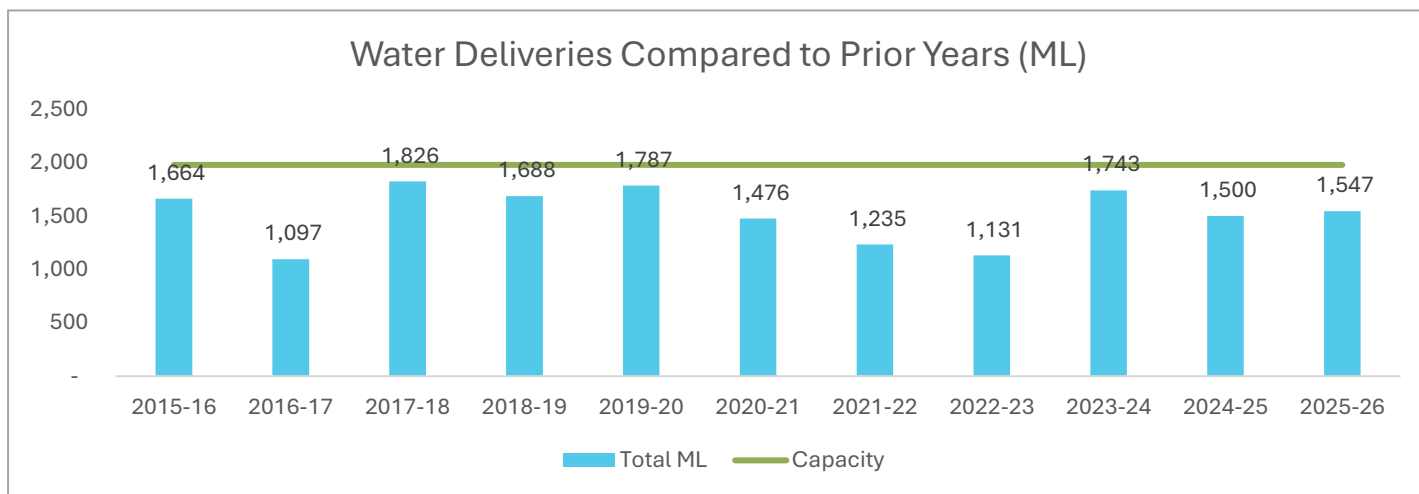
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Water Delivery

The 2025/26 irrigation season will run for 365 days. SEIS Stage Two opened on 1 August 2025 and will close on 31 July 2026.

100 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation was available and approximately 1,547 ML of water was delivered this summer season.

The volume delivered represents a 78 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme’s 1,980 ML total summer capacity.



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Asset Renewal Levy (ARL)

The ARL makes provisions for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the Scheme.

The table below shows the asset renewal works completed or expected to be completed prior to the next season:

Facility Name	ARL Task Description
Scheme wide	Water meter replacements
Scheme wide	Isolation valve and air valve replacements are ongoing
Daisy Banks Dam	Dam asset renewals

Repairs and Maintenance

The table below shows the general repairs and maintenance completed or expected to be completed prior to the next season:

Maintenance Task Description
Electrical switchboard periodic maintenance inspections
Weed and vegetation management
Dam surveillance
Dam repairs and maintenance

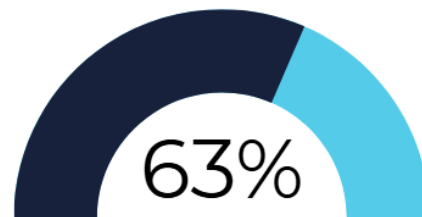


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Dam Update – Daisy Banks Dam

Tasmanian Irrigation took the opportunity to harvest water from rivers into storages during recent rainfall events, boosting dam levels across the State. With long range forecasts pointing to drier-than-average conditions ahead, making the most of rainfall events to replenish our dams is more important than ever.

At the end of June, the Daisy Banks Dam was at 63 per cent of capacity. The current volume is 118 ML, compared to the total volume of 186 ML. Dam levels are updated daily on Tasmanian Irrigation’s website here: [Dam Dashboard - Tasmanian Irrigation](#).



Daisy Banks Dam –
current percentage of capacity



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