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# Tasmanian Irrigation

# **Irrigation Season Report - June 2025**

## **Message from the Chief Operating Officer**

Hi everyone

It's been another very busy irrigation season over the 2024/2025 summer, and most schemes had the season extended by at least 30 days. When we have a look at conditions, it's easy to understand why.

There's been very little rainfall in late summer and autumn: the State has had the driest March since 2005, and the driest April in a decade. The Bureau of Meteorology says most of the north west experienced the lowest January to April rainfall levels since 1900. It's also been very dry in the south east.



From the start of July 2024 to the end of April this year, Tasmanian Irrigation delivered 86, 213 megalitres of water to our customers across the State – that's just slightly below last year's record volume of water delivery.

We will all be watching for rain through winter and early spring to recharge soil moisture profiles and boost planted crops, as well as supporting dam refill.

Tasmanian Irrigation dams are generally in a good position at the end of the season, with Southernfield Dam (Bothwell) and Mill Creek Dam (Smithton) on a watching brief. These will require significant rain in the catchments and snow melt to fill them to the necessary level ahead of next season. There's a link below to the dam storage dashboard, which is updated daily.

I hope you enjoy the updated format for our end-of-season newsletter. We're always keen to get your feedback, so if you'd like to share your thoughts, drop us a line by replying to this email.

Thanks for your continuing support of Tasmanian Irrigation.

## **David Skipper, Chief Operating Officer**

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A statewide snapshot of seasonal allocations and utilisation across our schemes is available online.

	<b>Summer Capacity</b>			Summer Water
Scheme	(ML)	Allocation %	<b>Utilisation</b> %	Delivered (ML)
Coal River (South East Stage 1)	2,650	100%	81%	2,154
Dial Blythe	2,855	100%	60%	1,716
Don	4,750	100%	29%	1,363
Duck	5,200	100%	58%	3,010

Tasmanian Irrigation facilitates a water trading market to enable temporary or permanent transfer of water entitlements. A total of 220 water trades were processed across all schemes in 2024-2025, for a total volume of 16,647 megalitres.

## **Key Scheme Updates**

Tasmanian Irrigation undertakes annual asset renewal works and general scheme maintenance around water delivery requirements.

For details of what's happening on your scheme <u>visit our website</u>, select your scheme and download the End of Season Report.



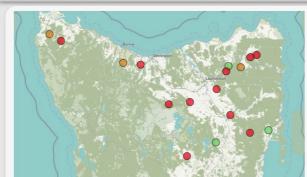
## **Dam Summary**

Current information on water levels for Tasmanian Irrigation dams is available on the dam storage dashboard. Data is updated daily at 12.15am.

Tasmanian Irrigation undertakes dam fill activity during the off-season for schemes.

If rainfall is below average for winter and spring, this may result in water entitlement allocations being below 100% for the 2025/26 season. We will keep you updated.

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Dam Name	Full Supply Level	Dam Level Latest	+/- from FSL	Total Volume	Current Volume	% Fill ▼
Rileys Creek Dam	64.65	64.43	-0.22	971	922	
Melrose Dam	62.00	61.38	-0.62	3,440	3,219	
Headquarters Rd Dam	283.00	282.59	-0.41	2,330	2,174	
Upper Floods Creek Dam	307.00	306.57	-0.43	500	450	
Daisy Bank Dam	126.50	125.60	-0.90	186	162	
Rekuna Dam	165.00	164.53	-0.47	207	174	
Upper Galeford Dam	53.28	52.00	-1.28	109	80	
Craigbourne Dam	166.20	164.03	-2.17	12,600	8,881	
Dunns Creek Dam	288.00	283.50	-4.50	6,680	4,165	
South Riana Dam	299.75	296.68	-3.07	4,069	2,426	
Sprent Dam	221.00	219.20	-1.80	259	124	48%
Camden Rivulet Dam	577.50	573.97	-3.53	9,780	4,233	43%
Lake Leake Dam	571.50	569.21	-2.29	22,076	9,399	43%

Live Dam Storage Dashboard

# Water entitlements available to buy

Tasmanian Irrigation wants to ensure irrigators have access to all available water on schemes. While 100% of water entitlements have already been sold on most schemes, there are limited entitlements on existing schemes available for purchase.

Scheme	Unsold (ML)
Kindred North Motton Irrigation Scheme	550
Midlands Water Scheme - Winter	3,414
Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme	60
Upper Ringarooma irrigation Scheme	900
Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme	1,438
Duck Irrigation Scheme	30
Don Irrigation Scheme - Summer	1,210
Don Irrigation Scheme - Winter	4,685

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