

# NEWSLETTER

## End of Season Wrap



## Don Irrigation Scheme

Tasmanian Irrigation's Water Delivery Team sincerely thanks all irrigators for their ongoing support and cooperation as we celebrate the end of another busy irrigation season.

This newsletter provides general information on how the Scheme has performed during the summer season.

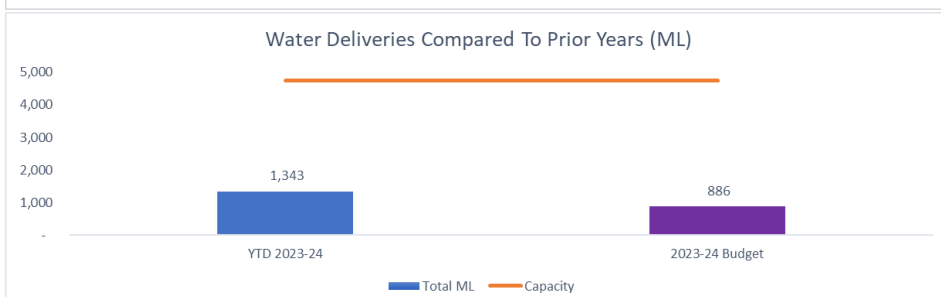
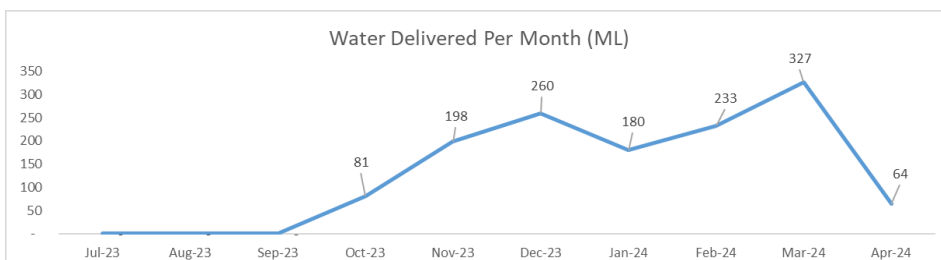
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### Water Delivery

The 2023-24 summer irrigation season opened on 1 October 2023, running for 212 days and closing on 30 April 2024.

100 per cent of the scheme's water allocation was available, enabling approximately 1,343 megalitres (ML) of water to be delivered this season.

The volume delivered during the irrigation season indicates 28 per cent of the scheme's 4,750 ML capacity was utilised.



## Fast Facts



**1,343 ML**  
WATER DELIVERED



**100%**  
ALLOCATION



**3**  
TRADES



**4,750 ML**  
SCHEME CAPACITY



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## Scheme Performance

The season commenced on 1 October and overall the scheme performed well. Forth utilised the majority of the water early in the season, with Barrington gradually increasing its usage, surpassing Forth's usage later in the season.

We encountered teething issues such as cooling unit malfunctions and some limited power flickers, these were managed by the scheme operator and did not notably impact the delivery of water.

Both sections of the scheme faced challenges posed by hot and dry conditions throughout the season. However, despite these adversities, crops across the region have flourished, and the feedback we have received from farmers is that they are content with the outcomes.

This season has been a testament to the value and importance of irrigation schemes in sustaining agricultural productivity, even in challenging climatic conditions.

We look forward to another successful season ahead and thank you for your partnership and trust in the Don Irrigation scheme.

## Trading Summary

Transfer Type	Volume (ML)	Number of Trades
Short term transfer (within season)	50	3
Limited term transfer	-	-
Permanent transfer	-	-



## Entitlements

There are 1,210 ML of unsold summer water entitlements and 4,685 ML of winter water entitlements remaining for sale across the scheme. The current price is \$1,425 per ML (summer) and \$1,390 per ML (winter) but please note the price is set to increase on 1 July 2024.

Areas With Unsold Water*	Unsold Water Summer (ML)	Unsold Water Winter (ML)
Barrington 1 (B1)	135	275
Barrington 2 (B2)	115	365
Barrington 3 (B3)	100	310
Barrington A (BA)	-	30
Barrington B (BB)	-	680
Barrington C (BC)	-	45
Barrington D (BD)	-	45
Don 1 (D1)	240	360
Don 2 (D2)	310	1,165
Don A (DA)	-	20
Don B (DB)	-	215
Don C (DC)	-	55
Don D (DD)	280	550
Don E (DE)	-	90
Lillico 1 (L1)	30	460
Lillico A (LA)	-	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>4,685</b>

*\*Volumes are correct at time of writing.*

Please view the Water Entitlements For Sale section on our website or contact us on (03) 6398 8433 for more information.

## Have your Say - Seeking Your Participation

Tasmanian Irrigation is seeking feedback from our customers to better understand your views on our performance, our communication to you, and the issues that matter most to you in your business.

We have engaged independent research firm EMRS to undertake this research on our behalf. What you tell us will help Tasmanian Irrigation improve the way we manage schemes and the way we communicate to you, and help us better understand your needs. It's a chance for you to provide open and honest feedback about what we can do better, and tell us where we are doing well.

We'd like to thank everyone who has supported this work by agreeing to take part in a short phone survey during May. When the research is complete, we will share high-level results with you, giving you an insight into the collective feedback received from customers across our schemes. We expect to receive the research report in August.

All information gathered will be treated in the strictest confidence. No names or personal details are released or stored, and no individuals will be identifiable in the research report provided to us by EMRS.

If you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact EMRS' Project Manager, Paul Jamrozik, at [pjamrozik@emrs.com.au](mailto:pjamrozik@emrs.com.au).



## Community management of publicly-owned irrigation schemes

Tasmanian Irrigation would like to thank all irrigators and stakeholders who've attended information and consultation sessions during May regarding community management of irrigation schemes.

In December 2023, the Tasmanian State Parliament passed the *Water Miscellaneous Amendments (Delegation and Industrial Water Supply) ACT 2023* (WMA Act) into law. The WMA Act amends existing legislation relevant to Tasmanian Irrigation, to enable the Government's policy to facilitate community management of publicly owned irrigation schemes, where feasible and appropriate.

In practical terms, the change means that Tasmanian Irrigation can delegate some of our powers and functions to eligible community bodies, with regard to the operation and management of our irrigation schemes. However Tasmanian Irrigation remains the asset owner and the Responsible Water Entity, and not all powers and functions are able to be delegated.

We have drafted documents and processes that would enable irrigator groups to apply for delegation of powers and functions, and which align with the requirements of the WMA Act. During May we've been seeking feedback on the documents and the proposed application process, as part of a two-stage consultation process.

Feedback for the first stage of the consultation process **closes on 21 June**.

Full detail, including draft documents for comment, is available on our website: [Community management of publicly owned irrigation "Community management of schemes" - Tasmanian Irrigation](#)

## Tips to prepare for this year's Farm Water Access Plan audit season

Following the end of another irrigation season, it is time to start preparing for the upcoming Farm Water Access Plan (Farm WAP) audits. These audits are essential for ensuring sustainable management of the scheme's water resources and for regulatory compliance.

To help you navigate this process effectively, here are some key tips:

**Stay Updated:** Between 10 to 15 per cent of irrigators are randomly selected each year to be audited providing they have used over 5 ML. You will be contacted if you are selected.

**Know your requirements:** Take the time to familiarise yourself with the requirements outlined in your Farm WAP. Review any soil or biodiversity action plans and monitoring schedules to understand your responsibilities.

**Organise your documentation:** Audits typically involve farm inspections, interviews, and document reviews. To streamline the process, gather and organise all necessary documentation in advance.

**Address any discrepancies:** Tasmanian Irrigation is tasked with ensuring regulatory compliance, so make sure your plan is up to date. If you come across any discrepancies or issues with your Farm WAP, such as irrigating outside the designated area, it is important to address them. Please contact our Farm WAP Team for assistance, and we can work together to resolve these issues before the auditing season begins.

**Protect your farm ecosystem:** Remember, deriving an income from the land relies on a healthy and sustainable functioning farm ecosystem. By following the guidelines outlined in your Farm WAP, you're not only ensuring compliance but also safeguarding our natural resources for future generations.

Tasmanian Irrigation is committed to protecting the state's natural resources. By participating in our Farm WAP program, you're contributing to this important goal and ensuring the sustainability of our agricultural practices for years to come.

For any Farm WAP-related inquiries or assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated Farm WAP Team at (03) 6398-8433 or email [FarmWAP@tasirrigation.com.au](mailto:FarmWAP@tasirrigation.com.au).



**Example Farm WAP soil map**

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## Irrigator Representative Committee

If you are interested in finding out more about the Committee or are interested in joining, please speak to your Scheme Operator or Chairperson in the first instance.

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