

NEWSLETTER

Scheme Snapshot



Coal River (Stage One) Irrigation Scheme

Tasmanian Irrigation's Water Delivery Team sincerely thanks all irrigators for their ongoing support and cooperation.

This newsletter provides an update on the Season's progress up until 31 March 2024.

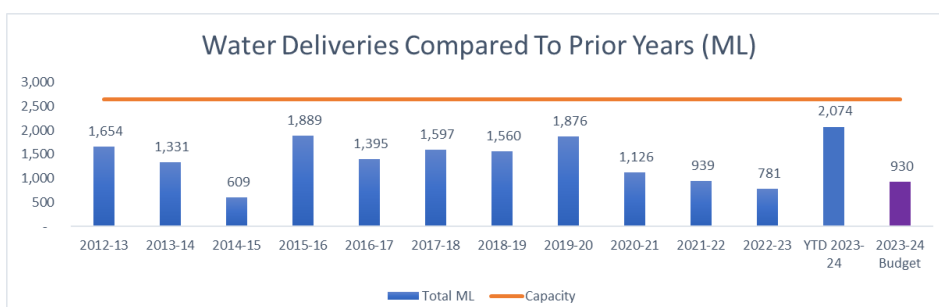
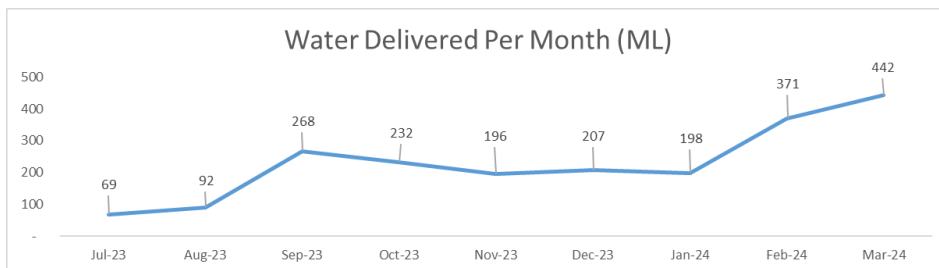
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Water Delivery

The 2023-24 irrigation season opened on 1 August 2023.

100 per cent of the Scheme's water allocation was available and approximately 2,074 megalitres (ML) of water has been delivered financial year to date.

The 2,074 ML delivered represents a 78 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme's 2,650 ML total capacity to date.



Fast Facts



2,074 ML
WATER DELIVERED



100%
ALLOCATION



21
TRADES



2,650 ML
SCHEME CAPACITY

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Scheme Performance

As we conclude another busy season for South East Stage 1 (SEIS1) Coal River irrigators, we reflect on the challenges and successes encountered throughout the past months.

Craigbourne Dam has had recent safety access upgrades and maintenance work is underway on the riparian release valve.

Managing river flows remained a key challenge throughout the season, primarily due to suspected flora growth along the riverbanks coupled with stock and domestic water take resulting in substantial losses. Discussions with the environmental team are underway to explore potential solutions aimed at managing river flows. During the off-season, attention will be directed towards the maintenance of the three pump stations owned and managed by Tasmanian Irrigation. These pumps require improvements to ensure reliability and will be prioritised in our off-season plans.

Trading Summary

Transfer type	Volume (ML)	Number of trades
Short term transfer (within season)	214	14
Limited term transfer	19	3
Permanent transfer	155	4

Dam Summary

Craigbourne Dam opened the season on 1 August 2023 at 91 per cent capacity with a volume of 11,407 ML. The capacity as at 31 March 2024 was 64 per cent with a volume of 8,119 ML.

Live dam levels are available on the Tasmania Irrigation website. From the home page, please select 'Dam Levels' from the top menu banner (see below).

Entitlements

The Scheme is fully sold. Water can only be purchased by trading entitlements.

The screenshot shows the Tasmania Irrigation website navigation menu with 'Dam Levels' highlighted. Below is a 'Dam Dashboard' with a map of Tasmania and a table of dam data.

Dam Name	Full Supply Level	Dam Level Latest	+/- from FSL	Total Volume	Current Volume	% Fill
Rileys Creek Dam	64.65	64.28	-0.37	971	889	92%
Frome Dam	329.00	328.15	-0.85	2,136	1,861	87%
Daisy Bank Dam	126.50	125.43	-1.07	186	157	85%
Upper Floods Creek Dam	307.00	306.07	-0.93	500	397	79%

Asset Renewal Levy (ARL)

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

The table below shows the asset renewal works planned for the current financial year. Note, as some works cannot be carried out while the Scheme is in use, not all works may have been completed at time of writing. Any remaining tasks are anticipated to be carried out prior to the next season.

Facility Name	ARL Task
Fingerpost Line	Air valve replacements
Newnham Pump Station	Pumpstation building upgrades and vermin proofing
Craigbourne Dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Riparian low flow projectComprehensive surveillance report
Scheme Wide	3G obsolescence communications upgrades

Repairs and Maintenance

The table below shows the general repairs and maintenance that has been planned for the current financial year. Again, not all works may have been completed at time of writing, as some works cannot be carried out while the Scheme is in use.

Maintenance Task
Electrical switchboard periodic maintenance inspections
Weed and vegetation management
Outlet repairs
Motor & pump lubrication
Electrical repairs following periodic inspections



Have your Say - Seeking Your Participation

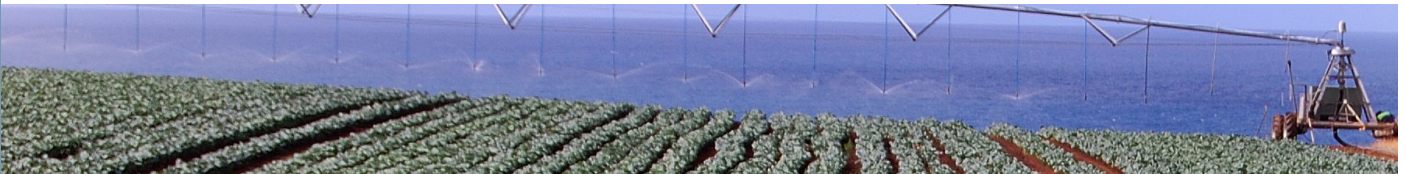
Tasmanian Irrigation is seeking feedback from our customers to better understand your views on our performance, our communication to you, and the issues that matter most to you in your business.

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.



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](#)

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