

## End of water year 2022-23 newsletter

### Bundaberg Water Supply Scheme

June 2023

#### Scheme overview for 2022-23

The table below shows scheme water usage and remaining balance as at 1 April 2023, when the last quarterly meter reads were completed.

Scheme	Usage from 1 July 2022	Estimated remaining balance
<b>Bundaberg</b>	48,700 ML	227,961 ML

Please ensure all meters are easily accessible and the grass is not overgrown in the area Sunwater staff need to access.




#### Paradise Dam Improvement Project

Sunwater is progressing planning for the Paradise Dam Improvement Project (PDIP), whereby the dam will be returned to its original height, as part of significant safety improvement works. Work underway includes design, environmental and planning approvals, early contractor engagement, enabling works, and procurement activities necessary before construction can commence. Sunwater has applied to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for the project.

In March 2023, storage level management of Paradise Dam began to enable safe and efficient work on the dam outlet. Following completion of the current phase of outlet works (irrigation discharge valve replacement) and lifting of the current reduced full supply level (currently anticipated by August 2023), no further storage level management is planned for the next water year commencing 1 July 2023. Multiple release periods will be required in the lead up to, and during the PDIP works, and that water will be available to Burnett River sub-scheme customers at no cost (during the event(s)). Information about PDIP is available on the Sunwater [website](#).

#### End of water year information

For a smooth end of water year process, please ensure any overuse of water for 2022-23 is rectified, and all outstanding accounts are paid in full. To ensure Sunwater customers can effectively manage their water and business, we have compiled key information and submission dates regarding meter reads, carryover and temporary transfers, which are available in this newsletter.


Predictions for 2023-24	
 <b>Announced allocations</b>	<p><b>Kolan sub-scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% - high priority</li> <li>• 100% - medium priority</li> </ul> <p><b>Burnett River sub-scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% - high priority</li> <li>• 76% to 88% - medium priority</li> </ul> <p>This is a prediction only. The Burnett River sub-scheme prediction accounts for the current Paradise Dam project operational level 0.75 metres below the crest to facilitate outlet work. 2023-24 announced allocation notifications will be sent in the first two weeks of July 2022.</p>
Key submission dates for end of water year 2022-23	
 <b>26 June 2023</b>	Carryover and temporary transfer application forms.
 <b>4 July 2023</b>	Voluntary meter reads (for customers wishing to take water up to 30 June 2023).

## Carryover of unused available water

Carryover will be made available to medium priority allocation holders for the 2023-2024 water year subject to scheme rules. Please note that if Paradise Dam (Burnett River sub-scheme) or Fred Haigh Dam (Kolan sub-scheme) is spilling on 1 July 2023, carryover will not be available in that respective sub-scheme.

The carryover guidelines and conditions can be viewed on the second page of the scheme's carryover application form available on the Sunwater [website](#).

## Annual shutdowns

Locations	
	<b>Gooburrum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 2 June – Monday 12 June</li></ul>
	<b>Bingera</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 9 June – Monday 19 June</li></ul>
	<b>Abbotsford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 20 June – Thursday 22 June</li></ul>
	<b>Isis Lower</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 7 July – Monday 17 July</li></ul>
	<b>Isis Upper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 14 July – Saturday 22 July</li></ul>
	<b>Lower Mary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 28 July – Monday 7 August</li></ul>

## Water trading

Sunwater customers, or other individuals, seeking additional water allocations on either a temporary or permanent basis, can view available water allocations for trade, guidelines and the required forms by visiting the below Sunwater website pages:

- [Temporary transfers](#)
- [Water trading board](#)
- [Property and Water Allocation Transfer Process](#)

Customers who exceed their water allocation are encouraged to consider temporary transfers, to remedy their contract breach.

## Irrigation prices 2021-22 to 2024-25

From 2021-22 to 2024-25, every irrigator who buys water from Queensland's state-owned irrigation schemes is eligible for a 15 per cent discount.

Irrigators supplied with water from Sunwater-owned water supply schemes will automatically

receive the 15 per cent discount on bills issued from 1 July 2021. The total price listed on invoices will reflect the discounted price. The current year fees and charges schedules, available on the Sunwater [website](#), are also reflective of irrigation tariffs less the 15 per cent discount.

For the 2021-22 to 2023-24 period, horticultural growers can apply to receive a further 35 per cent rebate, which will be assessed and administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA).

For more information about the Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme, see the [rebate scheme fact sheet](#), visit the QRIDA [website](#) or call 1800 623 946.

For more information about irrigation pricing discounts, see the [Irrigation Pricing Discounts fact sheet](#), visit the Queensland Government [website](#) or email [irrigationenquiries@rdmw.qld.gov.au](mailto:irrigationenquiries@rdmw.qld.gov.au).

## Irrigation Price Path Review 2025-29

Sunwater is developing a pricing proposal to submit to the Queensland Competition Authority later this year. It will inform irrigation prices for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029 in 26 price-regulated schemes. This review does not include the Burnett Water schemes.

In late May 2023, we concluded the first stage of customer engagement. This involved open customer forums, where we shared how our pricing proposal will be developed and how customers can be involved.

We also established a Consultative Committee to represent the interests of our irrigation customers and advise Sunwater on engagement matters. The committee includes representatives from Queensland Farmers Federation, Cotton Australia, Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers and CANEGROWERS Queensland.

In early June 2023, Stage 2 engagement will commence on our draft price proposal for customer feedback.

Once we've considered that feedback, our final pricing proposal will be shared during Stage 3 (August to October 2023).

The Stage 2 engagement schedule, as well as scheme-level fact sheets, can be found at [sunwater.com.au/projects/price-path/](https://sunwater.com.au/projects/price-path/).

You can also get in touch with us at [pricepath@sunwater.com.au](mailto:pricepath@sunwater.com.au)

## Commercial and industrial customers

To assist with preparing for end of water year, commercial and industrial customers should contact their relationship manager to discuss any special arrangements currently in place. The Sunwater Commercial team can be contacted directly by:

- emailing [commercial@sunwater.com.au](mailto:commercial@sunwater.com.au)
- phoning 13 15 89 and providing the name of your relationship manager.

## Are your contact details up to date?

To avoid missing critical communications and streamline managing your Sunwater business, customers are encouraged to check their contact details and authorised account contacts are up to date by:

- logging into your Sunwater Online account on the Sunwater [website](#). Assistance with updating contact information is available on the Sunwater [website](#).
- emailing a [Customer Profile Form](#) to [customersupport@sunwater.com.au](mailto:customersupport@sunwater.com.au).
- chatting with an advisor via the [Sunwater website](#) live chat or phoning 13 15 89 Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

## Updating your invoice delivery method

If you would like to receive your invoice via email, please contact customer support.

## Registered for Sunwater Online?

Sunwater Online is available to customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This system puts you in control of your water and business via a secure online portal. The online portal is accessed via [sunwater.com.au](http://sunwater.com.au) and can be used to: view alerts and messages

- update account details
- view and print account information
- submit requests for carryover
- view, enter, and export meter reads
- submit, view, and accept temporary transfer requests
- create, amend, and cancel water orders.

Step-by-step online guides to assist customers with processing transactions are available on the Sunwater [website](#) under subheading 'Help with Sunwater Online'. To register for Sunwater Online, please contact customer support by phone or live chat

**Phone:** 13 15 89

**Email:** [customersupport@sunwater.com.au](mailto:customersupport@sunwater.com.au)

**Live chat:** [sunwater.com.au](http://sunwater.com.au) (Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm)

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