

## End of water year 2021-22 newsletter Bundaberg Water Supply Scheme

June 2022

### Scheme overview for 2021-22

The below table shows scheme water usage and remaining balances as at 15 May 2021.

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

Scheme	Usage from 1 July 2021	Estimated Remaining Balance
<b>Bundaberg</b>	45,076 ML	227,593 ML





Sunwater engages with the Irrigator Advisory Committees (IAC) to collaborate and consult on a range of strategic matters relating to Sunwater's innovation, management, and maintenance of assets to ensure the reliable and efficient delivery of service. In December 2021, the Queensland Government announced Paradise Dam will be returned to its original height, as part of significant safety improvement works.

This decision follows detailed technical investigations, which show it is possible to safely re-raise, strengthen and stabilise the dam wall. Information about the Paradise Dam Improvement Project is available [here](#).

### Carryover of unused available water

Carryover will be made available to Medium Priority allocation holders for the 2022-2023 water year subject to the rules in your scheme. Please note if Paradise Dam (Burnett sub-scheme) or Fred Haigh Dam (Kolan sub-scheme) is spilling on 1 July 2022 then carryover will not be available in that subscheme.

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

Predictions for 2022-23	
 <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 sub-scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% High Priority</li> <li>• 100% Medium Priority</li> </ul> <p>(2022-23 announced allocation notifications will be sent in the first two weeks of July 2022. This is a prediction only).</p>
Key submission dates for end of water year 2021-22	
 <b>Friday 24 June 2022</b>	Carryover and temporary transfer application forms.
 <b>Monday 4 July 2022</b>	Voluntary meter reads (for customers wishing to take water up to 30 June 2022).
 <b>Annual Shutdowns</b>	<p><b>Abbotsford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 30 May - Thursday 2 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Woongarra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 3 June - Saturday 11 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Gooburrum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 10 June - Saturday 18 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Isis Lower</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 27 May - Saturday 4 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Isis Upper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 17 June - Saturday 25 June</li> </ul>

## End of water year information

For a smooth end of water year process, please ensure any overuse of water for 2021-22 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.

## Irrigation discounts 2021-24

From 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, every irrigator who buys water from Queensland's state-owned irrigation schemes will be eligible for the following discounts:

- 50 per cent for irrigation of horticultural crops (by way of 35 per cent rebate)
- 15 per cent for all other irrigation.

Irrigators supplied with water from Sunwater-owned schemes automatically receive a 15 per cent discount on bills issued from 1 July 2021. The total price listed on invoices issued by Sunwater reflect the discounted price.

Horticultural growers can apply to receive the balance of their 50 per cent discount through a 35 per cent rebate, which will be assessed and administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA). For more information, visit the QRIDA [website](#) or contact the free call number 1800 623 946.

For further information regarding these price changes, visit the Queensland Government [website](#).

## 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 to the customer advisor you are connected with.

## 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 [here](#). Assistance with updating contact information is available [here](#).
- 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

Invoices received via post are a summary only and don't include information such as past meter reads, water usage, and a breakdown of your fees and charges. By opting for an email invoice, your bills will be received in real time and, instead of receiving a summary invoice, bills will include all of the above information.

To update your invoice delivery method, please contact customer support by phone, email or the Sunwater website live chat.

## 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 [here](#) under subheading 'Help with Sunwater Online'. To register for Sunwater Online, please contact customer support by phone or live chat.

## Electricity cost pass-through trial

Irrigation customers in the Bundaberg WSS are participating in a three-year 'no-one is worse off' electricity cost pass-through trial, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023.

During the trial, if Sunwater spends less on electricity than it recovers from customers a credit will be applied to eligible irrigation customers' bills at the end of the financial year. Further information about this trial is available on Sunwater's website [here](#).

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