

End of water year 2019-2020 newsletter

Chinchilla Weir Water Supply Scheme

June 2020

Scheme overview for 2019-2020

The below table shows scheme usage and remaining balances as at 31 March 2020.

WSS	Usage from 1 July 2019 ¹	Remaining balance ¹
Chinchilla	656 ML	3,393 ML

Notes:

1. Above data is mostly from usage which was recorded during the March meter reads.




Guard valve replacement

Replacement of the two 800mm guard valves in the outlet structure at the weir occurred during 2019-2020 water year. This was a major milestone for the scheme as these were the original valves installed in 1973 and had reached the end of their life. The process of replacement was difficult as it required divers and a barge crane to install a newly constructed bulkhead gate at the intake to isolate the discharge pipes so the valves could be removed. The downstream regulating valves were replaced in 2011-2012 and now with the replacement of the guard valves, the outlet structure is positioned for safe and reliable operation for many years to come.

End of water year information

For a smooth end of water year process please ensure any overuse of water for 2019-2020 is rectified and all outstanding accounts are paid in full. Sunwater must receive all Temporary Transfer applications by 4:30pm, Tuesday 23 June 2020.

Please visit the [Managing your account](http://www.sunwater.com.au/customer/) section at www.sunwater.com.au/customer/ for further end of water year information.

Predictions for 2020-2021	
 Announced allocations (prediction only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% - High Priority • 0% - 6% - Medium Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chinchilla Weir forecast storage level on 1 July 2020 is > 293.2m AHD ○ Coal Seam Gas Water available to customers who hold a CSG contract
Key dates end of water year 2019-2020	
 Tuesday 23 June 2020	Last day to submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Transfer forms
 Thursday 2 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to submit meter reads

Important message regarding water availability

As the current level of Chinchilla Weir is less than 294.39m AHD, releases from Chinchilla Weir to supply water allocations downstream of the weir are not allowed. View further information on Medium Priority cut off here: <https://bit.ly/3hk3Xwn>

Are your contact details up to date?

We generally use SMS and email to communicate planned works and critical customer information. To ensure all account contacts remain up to date, please:

- complete a [Customer Profile Form](#) and email it through to the Customer Support team at customersupport@sunwater.com.au, or
- contact Customer Support on 13 15 89 between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Would you like to receive your invoice via email?

Over the 2018/19 year, a total of 19,074 invoices were generated. The vast majority of these (87 per cent) were posted, with a small portion being emailed (13 per cent).

If you would prefer to receive a detailed invoice and water statement electronically via email, please contact Customer Support on 13 15 89 or customersupport@sunwater.com.au to update your preference.

Water pricing

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has completed its investigation into water prices for Sunwater's irrigation customers from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024. The irrigation price review allowed for a thorough examination of our costs and provided an opportunity for stakeholders to present their views on issues affecting them before the QCA recommended future irrigation water prices to the Queensland Government. The QCA's final recommendations are available at: www.qca.org.au/project/rural-water/irrigation-price-investigations/

For 2020/21, the Queensland Government has announced that prices will be the lower of:

- the existing 2019/20 price
- the 2020/21 price recommended by the QCA.

Sunwater will notify irrigation customers of the actual prices to apply in 2020/21 once we receive the Rural Water Pricing Direction Notice from the Queensland Government.

At this stage, the Queensland Government has not announced the irrigation prices that will apply for the remainder of the price path period (2021/22 to 2023/24). The Queensland Government has however, confirmed that it will continue to subsidise the irrigation customer's share of Sunwater's Dam Improvement Program costs.

New Customer App

Customers are at the heart of everything we do. We want to make doing business with us easier and provide options to streamline the management of your water accounts.

We have listened to your feedback and have developed a new App as a mobile solution (phone and tablet) that will assist you (our customers).

In addition to Sunwater Online, the new App will allow you to carry-out four activities from your phone or tablet:

1. Access your water account details and current information about offtakes and allocations
2. Order water
3. Temporary transfer water to other Sunwater accounts holders
4. Enter meter read data.

The Customer App is in its final stages of development and is due for release by the end of June 2020. Further details about the release date and how you can access the App will be provided in the coming weeks.

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