

## End of water year 2019-2020 newsletter

### Mareeba Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme

June 2020

#### Scheme overview for 2019-2020

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

	Usage from 1 July 2019 <sup>1</sup>	Remaining balance <sup>1</sup>
Mareeba Dimbulah	103,248 ML	78,477 ML

Notes:

1. Above data is mostly from usage which was recorded during the March meter reads. Data shown is for customers only and does not include Sunwater delivery losses.

#### 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](#) section at [www.sunwater.com.au/customer/](http://www.sunwater.com.au/customer/) for further end of water year information.

#### 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](mailto:customersupport@sunwater.com.au), or
- contact Customer Support on 13 15 89 between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Predictions for 2020-2021	
 <p>Announced allocations (prediction only)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% - High Priority</li> <li>• 91% - 94% - Medium Priority                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tinaroo Falls Dam forecast storage level on 1 July 2020 is approx. 666m AHD (301,113 ML)</li> <li>○ Carryover not available</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Key dates end of water year 2019-2020	
 <p>Tuesday 23 June 2020</p>	<p>Last day to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carryover application forms</li> <li>• Temporary Transfer forms</li> </ul>
 <p>Thursday 2 July 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day to submit meter reads</li> </ul>

#### 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](mailto:customersupport@sunwater.com.au) to update your preference.

## Carryover of unused available water

With the storage level of Tinaroo Falls Dam forecast to be less than 667m AHD on 1 July 2020, it is likely that carryover will not be available for the 2020-2021 water year. More information regarding the rules for carryover can be found on the carryover application form here: <https://bit.ly/2MPWIOG>.

Carryover applications in this scheme are recurring. If you have not submitted a carryover application in the past and would like to apply for carryover for future water years, you must apply via Sunwater Online, by contacting Customer Support (13 15 89) or emailing the completed [form](#) to [customersupport@sunwater.com.au](mailto:customersupport@sunwater.com.au). Sunwater must receive all applications by 4:30pm, Tuesday 23 June 2020. To be eligible for carryover, all outstanding account balances need to be paid.

## Upgrades to improve scheme efficiency

The Mareeba-Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme is receiving a \$28 million investment to upgrade scheme infrastructure, improve operating efficiency and reduce water losses at key outflow locations.

Works across five sub-projects include the fabrication and installation of automated channel control gates, replacement and installation of approximately 14 km of pipeline, construction of an off-stream storage and rehabilitation of concrete structures including any offtakes to install the automated gates.

The works are taking place across six areas within the scheme – Atherton Creek, Biboohra, East Barron 4, North Walsh, Southedge and South Walsh. The project is receiving funding support from the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund.

Construction works are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021 (weather and site conditions permitting). Once water savings are validated, allocations will be made available for sale.

We appreciate your patience while the works are underway and are working closely with the contractor to minimise construction impacts. We will continue to notify customers in advance of any planned temporary disruptions to water supply.

## 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.

## 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/](http://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.

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