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End of water year 2021-22 newsletter Mareeba Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme

June 2022

Scheme overview for 2021-22

The below table shows scheme water usage and remaining balances as at 15 May 2022.

Scheme	Usage from 1 July 2021	Estimated Remaining Balance ¹
Mareeba Dimbulah	82,638 ML	129,632 ML
Notes:		

1. This includes scheme delivery loss

Sunwater engages with Mareeba Dimbulah WSS customers via the Tinaroo Water Committee is a group of irrigators within the Mareeba-Dimbulah scheme who have been elected to represent their interests in relation to scheme operations and water supply issues and improvements with Sunwater.

Carryover of unused available water

With the storage level of Tinaroo Falls Dam forecast to be greater than 667m AHD on 1 July 2022, it is likely that carryover will be available for the 2022-2023 water year.

The carryover guidelines and conditions can be viewed on the second page of your scheme's carryover application form, available <u>here</u>.

Carryover applications in this scheme are recurring, meaning no further action is required for customers who have applied for carryover in the past. If you have not submitted a carryover application in the past and would like to apply, an application will need to be submitted by 24 June 2022.

Mareeba-Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme Efficiency Improvement Project

In December 2021 Sunwater completed work on the Mareeba-Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme to improve operating and distribution efficiency.

As part of our commitment to the long-term sustainability and efficiency of the scheme, the Queensland Government and National Water Grid Fund invested \$32.54 million to upgrade scheme infrastructure.

Water losses across the scheme will be reduced by up to 8306 megalitres. Once these water savings are validated, allocations will be made available for sale.

More information on the work involved is available <u>here</u>.

Predictions for 2022-23		
Announced allocations	High priority - 100% Medium priority - 100% (2022-23 announced allocation notifications will be sent in the first two weeks of July 2022. This is a prediction only).	
Key submission dates for end of water year 2021-22		
Friday 24 June 2022	Temporary transfer application forms.	
Monday 4 July 2022	Voluntary meter reads (for customers wishing to take water up to 30 June 2022).	

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 Sunwaterowned 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 <u>commercial@sunwater.com.au</u>
- 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 <u>Customer Profile Form</u> to <u>customersupport@sunwater.com.au</u>
- chatting with an advisor via the <u>Sunwater</u> 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 <u>sunwater.com.au</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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
Live chat: sunwater.com.au (Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm)
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