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End of water year 2020–21 newsletter Lower Mary River Water Supply Scheme

June 2021

Scheme overview for 2020-21

The table below shows scheme usage and remaining balances as of 31 May 2021.

Water supply scheme	Usage from 1 July 2020 1	Remaining balance ¹
Lower Mary River	8,933 ML	21,040 ML
Notes:		

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

End of water year information

For a smooth end of water year process, please ensure any overuse of water for 2020-21 is rectified, and all outstanding accounts are paid in full. To empower Sunwater customers to effectively manage their water and business, we have compiled key information and submission dates regarding meter reads, carryover and temporary transfers, which are available <u>here</u>.

Irrigation discounts 2021-24

The Queensland Government <u>Irrigation Pricing</u> <u>Discounts 2021-24 fact sheet</u> outlining the discounts available to irrigators effective 1 July 2021 is now available.

Sunwater irrigation customers will automatically receive a 15 per cent discount on Sunwater bills issued from 1 July 2021. From this date, the price payable on your invoices will be inclusive of this discount. The 2021-22 fees and charges schedule for your scheme will note the irrigation tariffs less the 15 per cent discount. The 2021-22 fees and charges will be available for review <u>here</u>, prior to the new water year commencing on 1 July 2021.

Predictions for 2021-22		
Announced allocations	High priority - 100% Medium priority - 100%. (2021-22 announced allocation notifications will be sent in the first two weeks of July 2021. This is a prediction only).	
Key submission dates for end of water year 2020-21		
Wednesday 23 June 2021	Temporary transfer application forms	
Monday 5 July 2021	Voluntary meter reads (for customers wishing to take water up to 30 June 2021).	

Important message regarding water availability

Water supplied for irrigation use from the Mary River Barrage to medium priority allocation holders must cease when the barrage's water level is equal to or less than EL 1.0m AHD.

Water supply resumes when the level is equal to or greater than EL 1.2m AHD.

Details on irrigation customer medium priority cut off can be found <u>here</u>.

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

 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 <u>here</u>. Assistance with updating contact information is available <u>here</u>.
- 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

Over the 2019-20 water year, a total of 19,009 invoices were generated. The vast majority of these (83 per cent) were posted, with a small portion being emailed (17 per cent).

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)
Post: P0 Box 15536 City East QLD 4002
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