

Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation District

2017-18 Water Charges

Water Entitlement Charges

	2016-17 (\$/ML)	2017-18 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Fixed Charges*				
Operations & maintenance charge	\$ 49.15	\$ 50.28	\$ 1.13	2.30%
Asset renewal levy	\$ 9.51	\$ 9.73	\$ 0.22	2.30%
Storage charge**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 58.66	\$ 60.01	\$ 1.35	2.30%
Variable Charges***				
Great Bend	\$ 57.35	\$ 66.90	\$ 9.55	16.66%
Harford	\$ 82.62	\$ 87.94	\$ 5.32	6.44%
Northdown	\$ 72.69	\$ 79.82	\$ 7.12	9.80%
Sassafras	\$ 110.99	\$ 116.66	\$ 5.66	5.10%

* Fixed charges are payable on your current entitlement holdings on the opening day of the irrigation season.

** Storage charges are a fixed charge which represents your contribution to cover the costs to replenish storage losses in the scheme, including but not limited to evaporation.

*** Variable charges are payable on water that is supplied to you during the irrigation season under your current allocation holdings.

Excess charges for unauthorised use of additional volume

	2016-17 (\$/ML)	2017-18 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Excess Water Charges*				
Great Bend	\$ 193.06	\$ 205.60	\$ 12.54	6.49%
Harford	\$ 222.11	\$ 229.79	\$ 7.67	3.45%
Northdown	\$ 210.71	\$ 220.45	\$ 9.74	4.62%
Sassafras	\$ 254.75	\$ 262.81	\$ 8.06	3.16%

* Excess water charges are payable on water taken in addition to the volume agreed to be supplied to you by Tasmanian Irrigation during the irrigation season under your current allocation holdings.

Excess Water Charges can be avoided entirely by ensuring you have sufficient allocation:

- > Monitor your usage (contact your Scheme Operator if you require assistance)
- > Contact us if you have any questions about your allocation, trading or usage.
- > Trade any required additional allocation. We are unable to accept retrospective trades.

To assist buyers and sellers of water entitlements with establishing connections, Tasmanian Irrigation provides a **free Water Trading Notice Board** on our website. This allows parties to advertise their interest in buying, selling or leasing water entitlements. You can access the Notice Board via Tasmanian Irrigation's website: www.tasirrigation.com.au.



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Out of Season Water Charges

Out of Season Water Charges*	2016-17 (\$/ML)	2017-18 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Normal Out of Season Charges**				
Great Bend	\$ 109.11	\$ 120.58	\$ 11.47	10.52%
Harford	\$ 131.82	\$ 141.89	\$ 10.06	7.63%
Northdown	\$ 126.62	\$ 136.96	\$ 10.34	8.17%
Sassafras	\$ 176.59	\$ 183.69	\$ 7.10	4.02%
Excess Out of Season Charges				
Great Bend	\$ 160.97	\$ 172.45	\$ 11.47	7.13%
Harford	\$ 183.69	\$ 193.76	\$ 10.06	5.48%
Northdown	\$ 178.49	\$ 188.83	\$ 10.34	5.79%
Sassafras	\$ 228.46	\$ 235.56	\$ 7.10	3.11%

* Out of Season Water Charges are payable on water agreed to be supplied to you by Tasmanian Irrigation outside the irrigation season.

** Normal Out of Season Charges are only available to irrigators who hold current entitlement in the irrigation district and only up to the level of their respective holdings. For example, if an irrigator holds 10 ML of current entitlement, they are eligible to purchase up to 10 ML of Out of Season water at the normal rate, with any additional volumes attracting the excess charges.

Further information - water charges

Water charges are levied by Tasmanian Irrigation to recover the costs of operating, maintaining and administering irrigation districts.

In all irrigation districts, a **Fixed Charge** is levied on the volume of your irrigation right holdings on the first day of the irrigation season and is payable regardless of whether water has been consumed.

The Fixed Charge can have up to three components:

- > The **Operation & Maintenance** charge recovers the costs for running the scheme which don't normally change materially with the volume of water supplied during a season. This includes costs relating to employment of scheme operators, motor vehicle costs, maintenance, telemetry, compliance, administration, finance and insurance.
- > The **Asset Renewal Levy** makes provision for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the district.
- > Some districts also have a **Storage Charge** which recovers costs of pumping any evaporation or seepage losses into the main water storage.

Fixed Charges are generally invoiced in January/February each year.

Most of the irrigation districts also include a **Variable Charge** which is levied on the volume of water ordered or consumed by each irrigator which includes the electricity costs for pumping and any water purchase costs. The variable charge can vary throughout the irrigation district based on the cost to deliver water to each of the various charge zones.

Variable Charges are invoiced following the end of the irrigation season or delivery period.

All charges are retained within the irrigation scheme to be used for the benefit of the irrigators.