

Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme

Scheme Performance

The 2024/25 season was marked by consistent and reliable performance across the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme. Water delivery volumes closely matched those of the previous season, with the scheme continuing to meet the needs of irrigators across all zones. Recent infrastructure upgrades have contributed to improved scheme efficiency and increased confidence in long-term system performance.

The season began under a forecast of hot and humid conditions with potential storm activity, but as the season progressed, rainfall became increasingly scarce. By mid-season, dry conditions had taken hold across the region, and irrigation became the primary source of water for crops and pastures. Water usage continued late into the season due to persistent low rainfall in the final months.

Irrigator water uptake remained strong, with many making excellent use of trading opportunities and flow sharing arrangements. These practices have proven highly effective, enabling greater flexibility, improving flow rates, and supporting irrigators who exhausted their allocations.



Flow sharing, in particular, has been well received and continues to provide real benefits for those with high-volume demands or smaller entitlements.

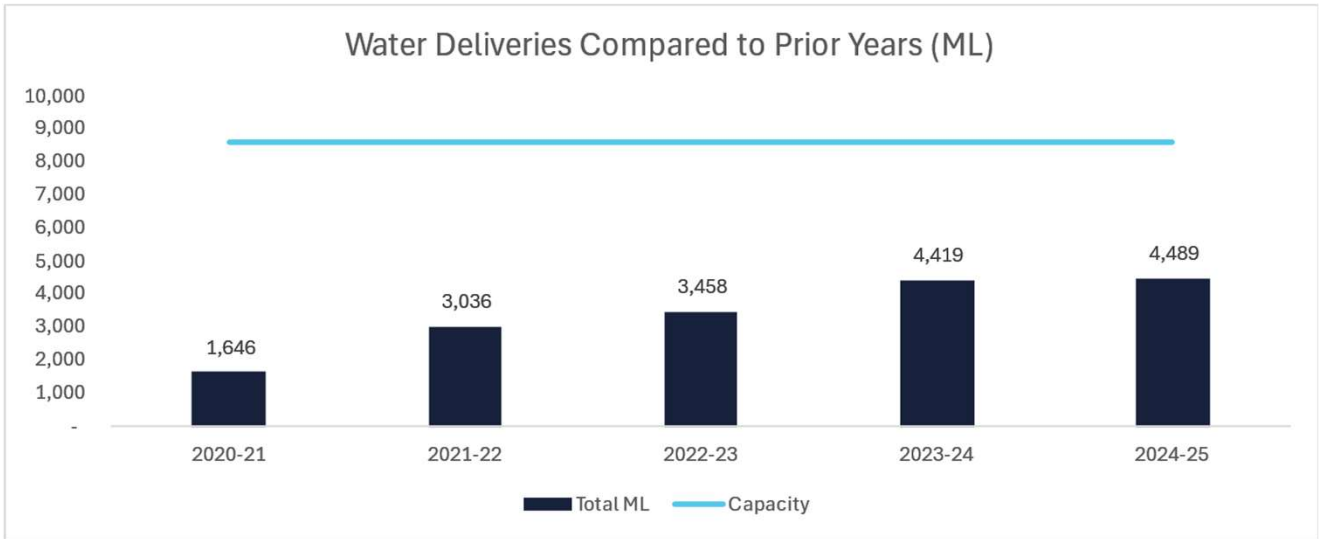
The scheme's pipeline network maintained uninterrupted water delivery throughout the season. While the Mini Hydro encountered multiple shutdowns, these did not disrupt water passage through the system or affect recharge of the Headquarters Road Dam. Further work is planned over the winter shutdown period to improve communication systems linked to the Mini Hydro, in partnership with TasNetworks and consultants.

Scottsdale irrigators remain highly engaged and proactive in seeking on-farm improvements and have continued to show strong support for the scheme. Planned upgrades during the off-season aim to further strengthen system reliability and responsiveness heading into 2025.

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Water Delivery

The 2024-25 summer irrigation season ran for 168 days, opening on 28 October 2024 and closing on 14 April 2025. 100 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation was available and approximately 4,489 ML of water was delivered during the season. The volume delivered represents a 52 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme’s 8,600 ML total summer capacity.



Unsold Water

There are 1,438 ML of unsold water entitlements remaining across the scheme as shown in the table below. Please note the current price is set to increase on 1 July 2025, and investigations are still in progress regarding additional water being available in a winter season for the scheme.

Zone	Unsold (ML)	Price (\$/ML)
Austin 1 (A1)	30	1,600
Austin A (AA)	100	1,600
North Scottsdale 1 (N1)	110	1,600
Scottsdale 1 (S1)	188	1,600
Scottsdale 2 (S2)	390	1,600
Scottsdale 3 (S3)	280	1,600
Scottsdale A (SA)	200	1,600
Scottsdale C (SC)	15	1,600
Scottsdale D (SD)	125	1,600

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Asset Renewal Levy

The ARL makes provisions for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the Scheme. The table below shows the asset renewal works completed or expected to be completed prior to the next season.

Facility Name	ARL Task Description
Header tank	Header tank communication telemetry upgrade
Scheme Wide	SCADA alarm management
Scheme Wide	Pipeline leak repair

Repairs and Maintenance

The table below shows the general repairs and maintenance completed or expected to be completed prior to the next season.

Maintenance Task Description
High Voltage Periodic Maintenance
Cathodic protection system testing
Electrical switchboard periodic maintenance inspections
Weed and vegetation management
Motor & pump lubrication
Outlet repairs



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