

South East Stage 1 Irrigation Scheme

Scheme Performance

The 2024/25 season across Tasmania was marked by a dry and extended summer period, placing increased reliance on irrigation infrastructure to meet agricultural demand. Against this backdrop, the South East Irrigation Scheme (Stages 1 & 2) delivered a reliable and uninterrupted water supply, supported by consistent inflows from TasWater and Craigbourne Dam.

Operational performance across both Stage 1 and 2 was strong, with no supply outages reported during the season. Irrigators benefited from dependable water access despite the widespread dry conditions affecting much of the state.

A key development this season was the appointment of Sam Lawrence as the new scheme operator, who commenced in late February and has taken on operational responsibilities for both stages.

A range of scheduled maintenance and upgrade works were completed during the season, including the replacement of several water meters as part of the Asset Renewal program.



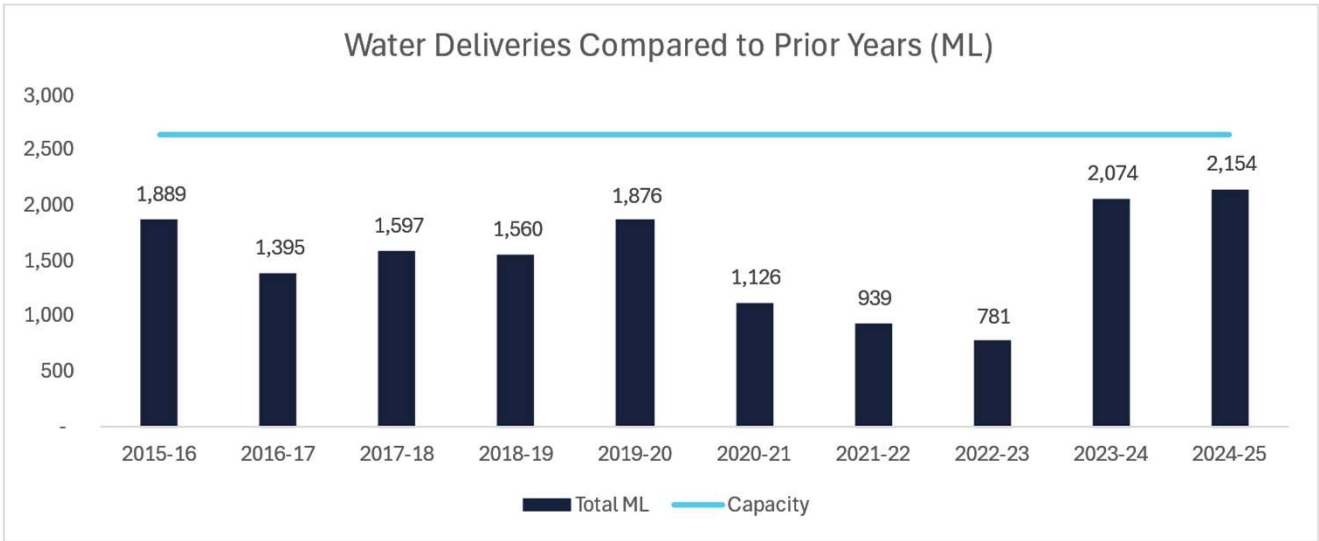
Additionally, two minor leaks were repaired, and a major refurbishment was undertaken on the main outlet valve at Craigbourne Dam to improve long term reliability. General pump station maintenance and repairs were also completed to ensure continued scheme performance.

With strong infrastructure performance, proactive maintenance and steady water supply from TasWater, the scheme has supported irrigators effectively through a challenging climatic season and remains well positioned heading into the 2025/26 season.

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Water Delivery

The 2024-25 irrigation season will run for 365 days, opening on 1 August 2024 and closing on 31 July 2025. 100 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation is available and approximately 2,154 ML of water was delivered from 01 August 2024 to 31 May 2025. The volume delivered represents a 81 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme’s 2,650 ML total capacity.



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
Fingerpost Pump Station	No-flow switch installation
Craigbourne Dam	Outlet valve refurbishment
Althouse Pump Station	Mechanical seal replacement
Scheme Wide	Flowmeter replacements

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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
Electrical switchboard periodic maintenance inspections
Weed and vegetation management
Motor & pump lubrication
Outlet repairs



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