

Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme

Scheme Performance

The 2024/25 season for the Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme ran smoothly overall, with minor disruptions primarily due to power outages and flickers, which were beyond our control. The season began with some uncertainty, but timely rains allowed for the dam to fill, enabling a full 100% allocation to open the season.

Water uptake throughout the season has been positive, with approximately 5,600 ML delivered. Despite the occasional power issues, there were no major outages, and the system has operated reliably throughout the period.

Looking ahead, there are plans to refurbish one of the river extraction pumps after the season ends. This will involve shutting down the Shannon River station for a few days for preventative maintenance ahead of the harvest.

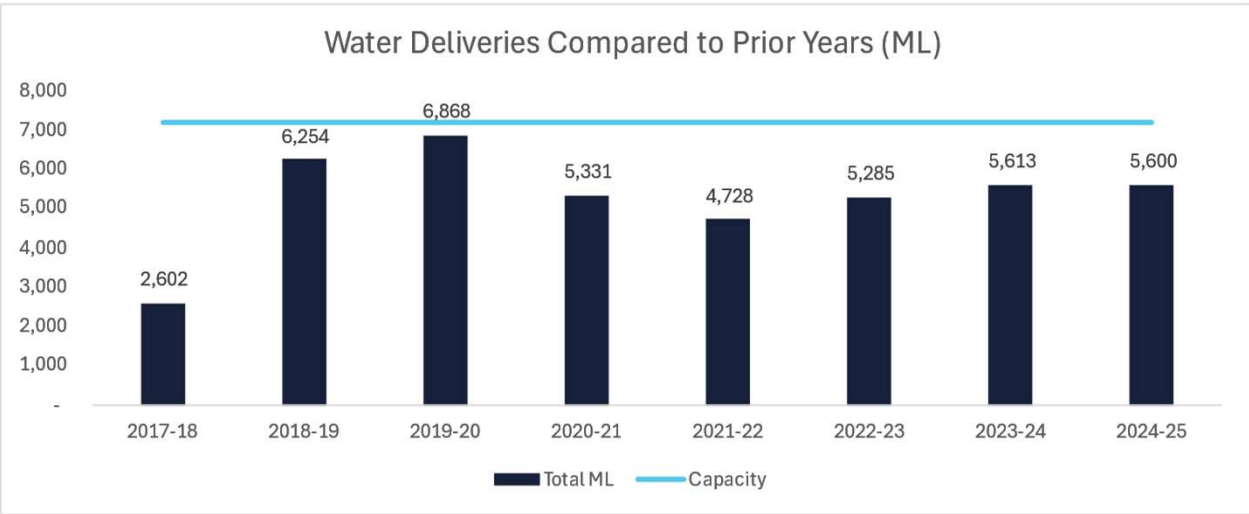
The only notable feedback from irrigators has been related to the accuracy of the water usage portal. We are aware of these concerns and are working on improving its functionality for better user experience.



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Water Delivery

The 2024-25 summer irrigation season ran for 251 days, opening on 22 August 2024 and closing on 30 April 2025. 35 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation was available from 22 August 2024 to 17 October 2024. 100 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation was available for the remainder of the season and approximately 5,600 ML of water was delivered during the season. The volume delivered represents a 78 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme’s 7,215 ML total summer 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
Shannon River Pump Station	Pump overhaul
Shannon River Pump Station	Electric gantry installation
Shannon River Pump Station	Silt cleaning from suction screens
Scheme Wide	Control System Upgrades

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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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