

Don Irrigation Scheme

Scheme Performance

The 2024/25 irrigation season began with a slow start due to over 200 millimetres of rainfall, delaying early demand. However, this was followed by a prolonged dry period, leading to a substantial increase in water usage across the scheme.

As conditions dried out, irrigators made full use of their allocations, becoming more familiar with optimising their water usage. This season has marked a turning point for several landholders who are refining their on-farm setups and beginning to harness the full value of the scheme's supply.

Interest in winter water has also increased, with a reasonable volume either sold or subject to enquiries, indicating growing awareness of how to extend irrigation benefits throughout the year.

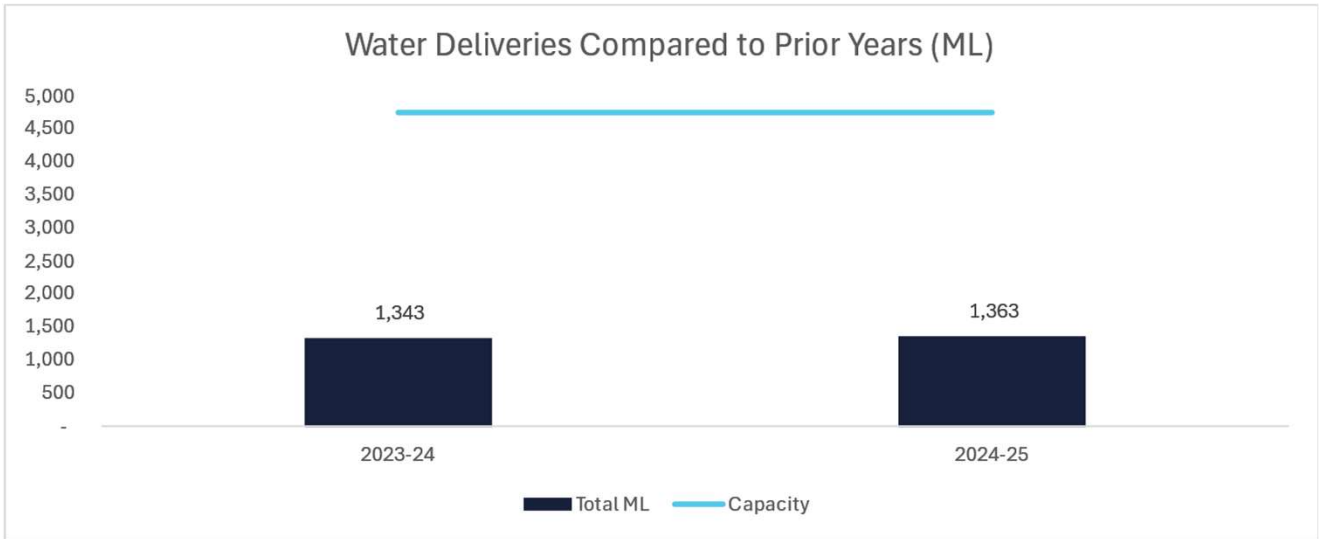
Operationally, the scheme performed well, with one key maintenance item identified: a scour valve replacement in Sheffield, which is scheduled for completion in the near term. This will further enhance reliability moving into the next season.



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Water Delivery

The 2024-25 summer irrigation season ran for 181 days, opening on 1 October 2024 and closing on 31 March 2025. 100 per cent of the Scheme’s water allocation was available and approximately 1,363 ML of water was delivered during the season. The volume delivered represents a 29 per cent utilisation rate of the Scheme’s 4,750 ML total summer capacity.



Unsold Water

There are 1,210 ML of summer 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. Significant Winter water volumes are also available for purchase.

Zone	Unsold (ML)	Price (\$/ML)
Barrington 1 (B1) - Summer	135	1,520
Barrington 2 (B2) - Summer	115	1,520
Barrington 3 (B3) - Summer	100	1,520
Don 1 (D1) - Summer	240	1,520
Don 2 (D2) - Summer	310	1,520
Don D (DD) - Summer	280	1,520
Lillico 1 (L1) - Summer	30	1,520



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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
Barrington Pump Station	Access road 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
Electrical switchboard periodic maintenance inspections
Weed and vegetation management
Motor and pump lubrication



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