1 October 2026

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

General security allocation increased by 4%

Category	2026–27 allocation	Account balance
General security	45%	51% (967 GL)

Key information

- This resource assessment is based on information as of 27 September 2026.
- Conveyance entitlements have also received allocation increments commensurate with the general security (GS) allocation increase.
- The cumulative GS allocation, including carryover, has now reached 60%. Further GS allocations cannot occur until Environmental Water Allowance 1 (EWA1) and subsequently Provisional Storage Volume 1 (PSV1) accounts have been credited up to 50 GL and 25 GL, respectively.
- This assessment credited 38 GL of available water after this GS allocation to EWA1. The credit is taking EWA1 balance to 41 GL.
- Environmental Water Managers placed GS Held Environmental Water (HEW) orders on the high-flow event passing Wagga Wagga in early September to protect natural flows. The event has now passed Balranald, and HEW accounts have been reconciled, reducing commitments and improving available resources.
- This allocation increase was supported by good inflows to storages, efficient order delivery aided by downstream tributary inflows, and reduced commitments following reconciliation of GS HEW accounts.
- Trade into the Murrumbidgee is currently open and trade out of Murrumbidgee is closed. Water users should monitor the WaterNSW website for daily information on the Inter-Valley Trade (IVT).

Next statement

The next water allocation statement for this water source will be published on **Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 2.30 pm**.

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Resource distribution (as of 1 October 2026)	Volume (GL)
Current and future resources [1]	2,350
less	
Planned environmental water balance [2]	187
Domestic and stock, and local water utility balance	42
Conveyance balance	302
High security balance	280
General security balance [3]	967
Murrumbidgee IVT balance (as of 27/09/26)	99
Losses (10/26 to 06/27) [4]	473
Higher-priority reserve (2027–28) [5]	0
equals	
Surplus (or deficit) [6]	0

Notes:

1) Total active storage volume behind Burrinjuck and Blowering dams as of 27 September 2026; minus 50 GL operational reserve (25 GL per Dam); plus any usable flow in transit; plus minimum inflows for rest of the water year (Burrinjuck – 10/1911 to 06/1912, Blowering – 10/2002 to 06/2003); plus Snowy Hydro's assured Required Annual Release (RAR) till 4/2027, minus 6 GL commitment to Australian Capital Territory (see Water sharing plan clause 56(5)(c)).

2) This includes end-of-system flow requirements (117 GL); plus provisional storage volumes (PSV1 = nil, PSV2 = nil); plus environmental water allowances balance (EWA1 = 41 GL, EWA2 = 11 GL, EWA3 = 0 GL); plus a budgeted 18 GL for future EWA2 to reflect the simulated transparent release arising from the budgeted minimum inflow.

3) Balance of water in GS accounts as of 27 September 2026. The volume includes water carried over from last year, new allocation this water year, minus usage to date. Both consumptive and Held Environmental Water (HEW) GS volumes are reported here. For information, the average carryover into 2026–27 was 15% (276 GL).

4) Losses reflect the conservative estimate of the volume required to run the river to meet demands for the remainder of the water year. This includes storage evaporation, transmission and operational losses.

5) Volume to set aside for full opening allocation to higher-priority needs on 1 July 2027. This reserve will be built from December 2026 onward.

6) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments.

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A series of guides that describe the water allocation methods for most NSW regulated river systems are available at: Resource assessment process | Water

The dashboard on water availability and allocations for all water sources is available at: Allocations dashboard | Water

Water sharing plan for this water source is available at: Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016

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