

For the week ending 7 January 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,061,340 megalitres and are 58.2% full. This is a decrease of 850 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 67.3% full.

For the week to 6 January 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 7,302 megalitres, which is 2.7% above the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	523,346	49.0
Upper Yarra	200,000	107,003	53.5
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,342	78.1
Maroondah	22,000	17,952	81.6
Sugarloaf	96,000	89,241	93.0
Yan Yean	30,000	21,167	70.6
Greenvale	27,000	25,862	95.8
Silvan	40,000	35,931	89.8
Cardinia	287,000	197,822	68.9
Tarago	37,500	29,579	78.9
Devil Bend	14,500	11,094	76.5
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,061,339	58.2

STREAM FLOW

Catchment	31 Dec - 06 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	3,350 MI	2,900 MI	15.5 % above	2,668 MI
Upper Yarra	1,497 MI	1,600 MI	6.4 % below	1,505 MI
O'Shannassy	1,042 MI	1,390 MI	25.0 % below	975 MI
Maroondah	1,413 MI	1,220 MI	15.8 % above	916 MI

Total	7,302 MI	7,110 MI	2.7 % above	6,064 MI
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* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1969 - 1998)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 523,346 megalitres or 49.0% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,208 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 69% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	31 Dec - 06 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	24.6 mm	22.0 mm	11.8 % above	4.4 mm
Upper Yarra	24.0 mm	22.0 mm	9.1 % above	11.0 mm
O'Shannassy	15.0 mm	22.5 mm	33.3 % below	6.6 mm
Maroondah	19.7 mm	22.9 mm	14.0 % below	1.8 mm

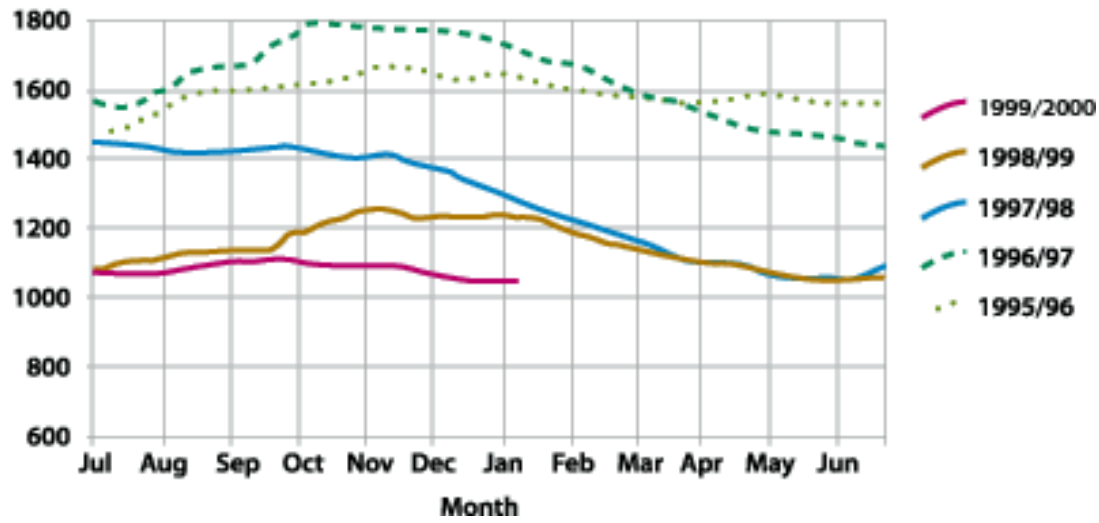
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METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 30 December 1999 to 5 January 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,565 megalitres.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 15,136 megalitres recorded in 1990. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 12,470 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the previous week (23 December to 29 December 1999) was 9,853 megalitres.

Storage (GL)



For the week ending 14 January 2000

HOT WEATHER LEADS TO WATER WATCH DAY

Melbourne Water is asking the community to watch the amount of water they use TODAY, Friday 14 January, 2000.

Managing Director Brian Bayley said today has been designated a **Melbourne Water Watch Day** - the first for the new millennium.

"With the soaring temperatures experienced this week Melburnians used 12,250 million litres of water. Consumption for the same period last year was 10,181 million litres.

"Melbourne's water storage is currently 57.8% full, holding 1,054,790 megalitres. This is a **decrease** of 6,550 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 67.1% full.

Mr Bayley said water is a precious resource and if Melburnians minimise the amount of water used, it will help us to manage the water supply into the future.

"People can contact their local water company for tips on how to save water," he said.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	516,945	48.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	110,339	55.2
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,099	70.0
Maroondah	22,000	17,524	79.7
Sugarloaf	96,000	89,029	92.7
Yan Yean	30,000	21,311	71.0
Greenvale	27,000	25,416	94.1
Silvan	40,000	35,652	89.1
Cardinia	287,000	196,248	68.4
Tarago	37,500	29,482	78.6
Devil Bend	14,500	10,744	74.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,054,790	57.8

Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 516,945 megalitres or 48.4% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,234 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 81% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

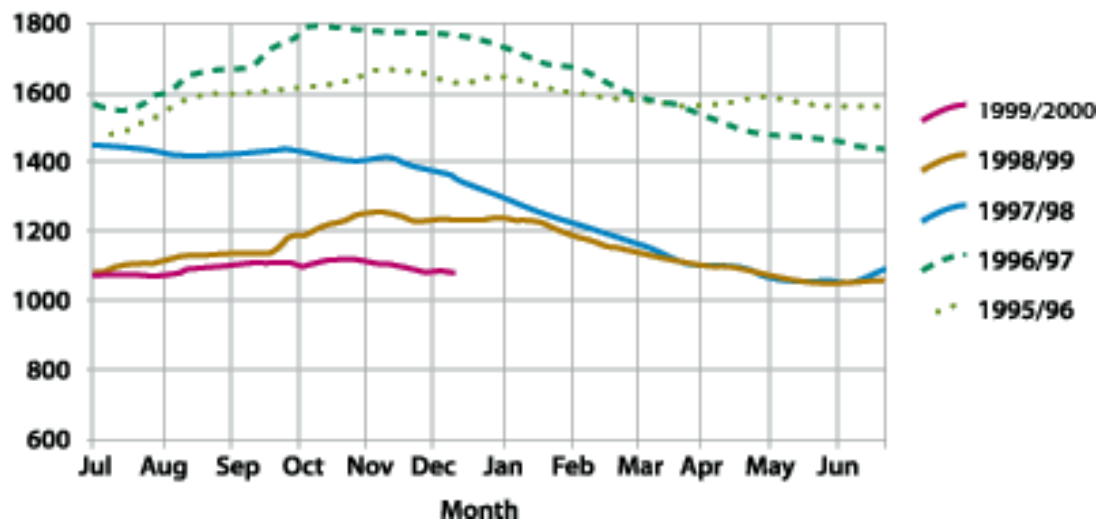
STREAM FLOW

For the week to 13 January 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 5,739 megalitres, which is 6.8% below the long term average.

Catchment	07 Jan - 13 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2,534 MI	2,490 MI	1.8 % above	2,492 MI
Upper Yarra	1,195 MI	1,370 MI	12.8 % below	1,444 MI
O'Shannassy	865 MI	1,260 MI	31.3 % below	964 MI
Maroondah	1,145 MI	1,040 MI	10.1 % above	976 MI
Total	5,739 MI	6,160 MI	6.8 % below	5,876 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1969 - 1998)

Storage (GL)





For the week ending 21 January 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,043,780 megalitres and are 57.2% full. This is a **decrease** of 11,010 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 66.5% full.

For the week to 20 January 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 4,064 megalitres, which is 15.9% below the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	509,629	47.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	112,222	56.1
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,019	67.3
Maroondah	22,000	16,819	76.5
Sugarloaf	96,000	87,676	91.3
Yan Yean	30,000	21,359	71.2
Greenvale	27,000	24,568	91.0
Silvan	40,000	35,560	88.9
Cardinia	287,000	194,389	67.7
Tarago	37,500	29,258	78.0
Devil Bend	14,500	10,279	70.9
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,043,778	57.2

STREAM FLOW

Catchment	14 Jan - 20 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,720 MI	1,570 MI	9.6 % above	1,252 MI
Upper Yarra	718 MI	1,190 MI	39.7 % below	830 MI

O'Shannassy	748 MI	1,130 MI	33.8 % below	783 MI
Maroondah	878 MI	940 MI	6.6 % below	794 MI
Total	4,064 MI	4,830 MI	15.9 % below	3,659 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1969 - 1998)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 509,629 megalitres or 47.7% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,337 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 90% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

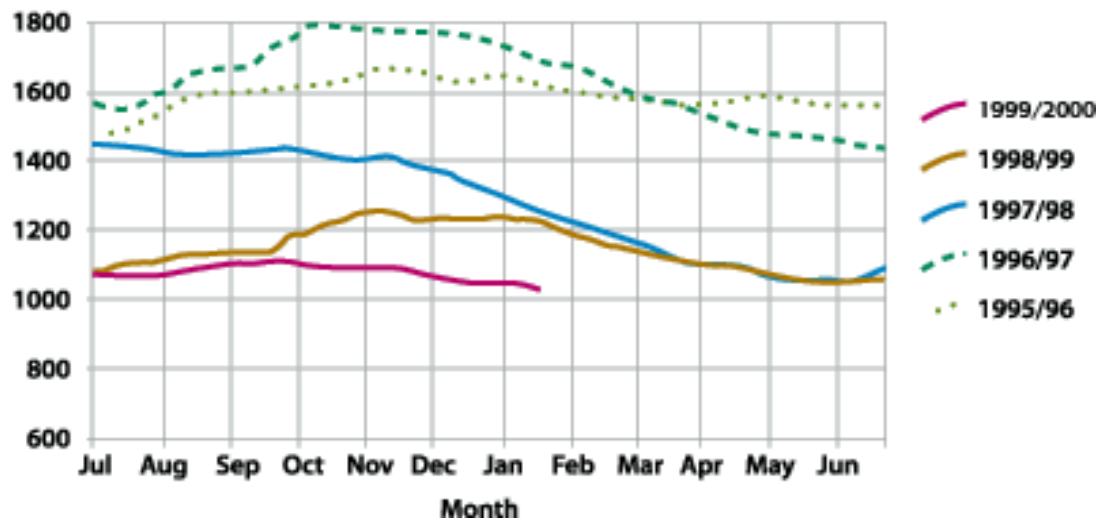
Catchment	14 Jan - 20 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2.4 mm	7.3 mm	67.1 % below	0.0 mm
Upper Yarra	1.2 mm	10.7 mm	88.8 % below	0.0 mm
O'Shannassy	1.8 mm	10.4 mm	82.7 % below	0.0 mm
Maroondah	2.0 mm	10.8 mm	81.5 % below	0.0 mm

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 13 January to 19 January 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 13,067 megalitres.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 15,153 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 12,906 megalitres.

Storage (GL)



For the week ending 4 February 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,030,680 megalitres and are 56.5% full. This is a decrease of 7,250 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 65.2% full.

For the week to 3 February 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 4,645, which is 15.3% above the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	495,135	46.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	117,153	58.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,310	77.0
Maroondah	22,000	15,754	71.6
Sugarloaf	96,000	86,239	89.6
Yan Yean	30,000	21,651	72.2
Greenvale	27,000	24,217	89.7
Silvan	40,000	35,405	88.5
Cardinia	287,000	193,220	67.3
Tarago	37,500	29,466	78.6
Devil Bend	14,500	10,131	69.9
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,030,681	56.5

STREAM FLOW

Catchment	28 Jan - 03 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2,323 MI	1,370 MI	69.6 % above	1661 MI
Upper Yarra	461 MI	910 MI	49.3 % below	228 MI

O'Shannassy	878 MI	980 MI	10.4 % below	726 MI
Maroondah	983 MI	770 MI	27.7 % above	652 MI
Total	4,645 MI	4,030 MI	15.3 % above	3,267 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1969 - 1998)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 495,135 megalitres or 46.4% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 2,353 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 82% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	28 Jan - 03 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	12.8 mm	10.5 mm	21.9% above	7.6 mm
Upper Yarra	4.0 mm	10.8 mm	63.0 % below	10.2 mm
O'Shannassy	6.2 mm	12.7 mm	51.2 % below	8.4 mm
Maroondah	4.0 mm	12.9 mm	69.0 % below	0.2 mm

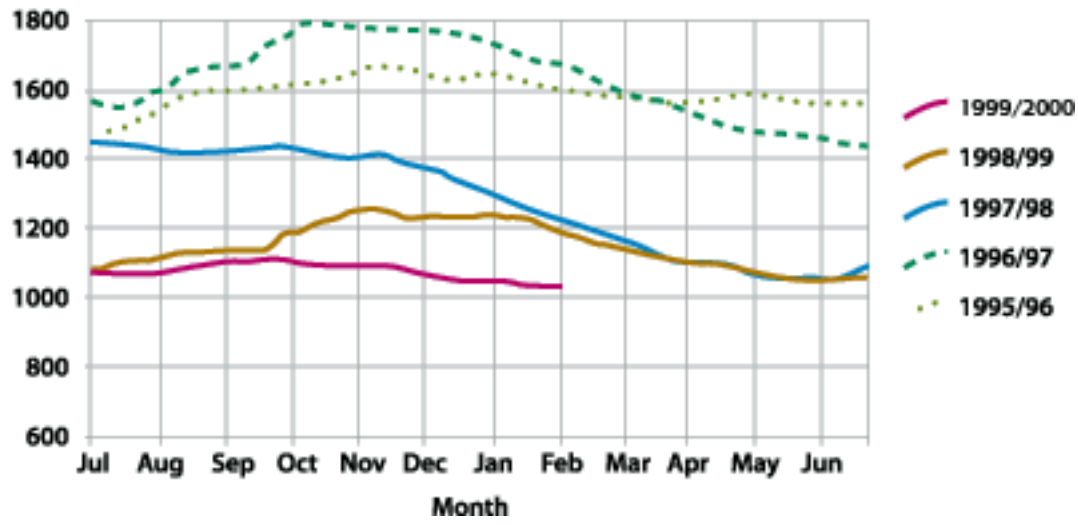
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METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 27 January to 2 February 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 11,086 megalitres.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 14,536 megalitres recorded in 1985. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 13,465 megalitres. Computation recorded for the previous week (20 January to 26 January 2000) was 9,897 megalitres.

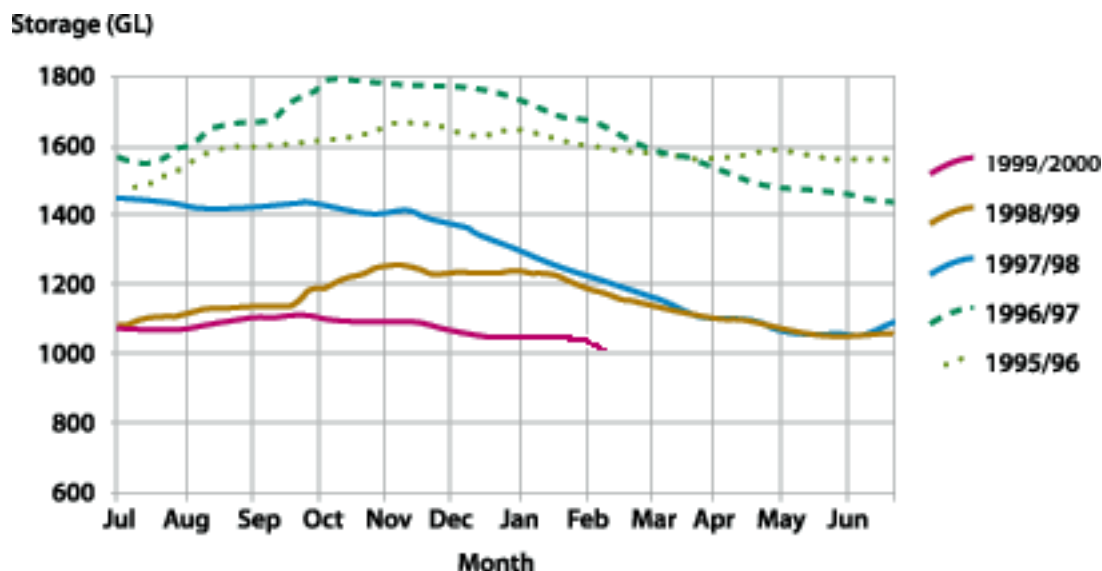
Storage (GL)



For the week ending 11 February 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,012,640 megalitres and are 55.5% full. This is a **decrease** of 18,040 megalitres since last week.(3 February to 9 February 2000)

Water System Storage



TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	483,293	45.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	117,723	58.9
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,207	73.6
Maroondah	22,000	14,965	68
Sugarloaf	96,000	84,268	87.8
Yan Yean	30,000	21,553	71.8
Greenvale	27,000	23,370	86.6
Silvan	40,000	35,374	88.4
Cardinia	287,000	190,992	66.5
Tarago	37,500	29,258	78.0

Devil Bend	14,500	9,639	66.5
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,012,643	55.5

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 3 February to 9 February 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 13,804 megalitres.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 15,841 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 13,629 megalitres.

RAINFALL

Catchment	04 Feb - 10 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	0.0 mm	20.7 mm	100.0% below	15.6 mm
Upper Yarra	1.4 mm	18.3 mm	92.3 % below	26.4 mm
O'Shannassy	0.0 mm	17.9 mm	100.0 % below	24.0 mm
Maroondah	0.4 mm	18.5 mm	97.8 % below	21.6 mm

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For the week ending 19 February 2000

MELBOURNE'S HOT WEATHER CONTINUES

RECORD HIGH CONSUMPTION

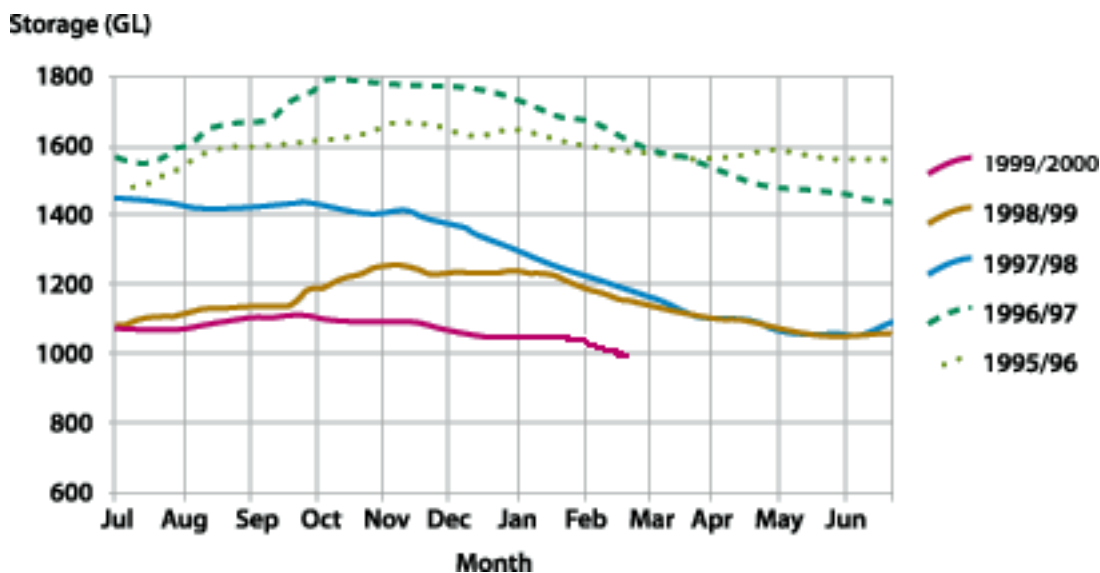
LOW STREAMFLOW

Melbourne's major water supply reservoirs are currently just over half full or 54.8% of capacity. At the same time last year the water storage was 64.1% full.

The hot dry conditions led to Melbourne consumers using about 1,800 million litres of water a day. For the week 10 February to 16 February 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 12,426 million litres - the second highest in 14 years. For the same period in 1986 Melburnians used 15,398 million litres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 10,829 million litres.

And for the same period, the total volume of water flowing into Melbourne's major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was only 3,205 million litres - 27.0% below the long-term average.

Water System Storage



TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	474,209	44.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	117,463	58.7
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,095	69.8
Maroondah	22,000	14,173	64.4
Winneke	96,000	82,716	86.2
Yan Yean	30,000	21,602	72.0
Greenvale	27,000	22,813	84.5
Silvan	40,000	36,406	91.0
Cardinia	287,000	189,451	66.0
Tarago	37,500	28,977	77.3
Devil Bend	14,500	9,439	65.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	999,344	54.8

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	11 Feb - 17 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,601MI	1,720MI	6.9% below	1,519MI
Upper Yarra	223MI	940MI	76.3% below	302MI
O'Shannassy	616MI	920MI	33.0% below	687MI
Maroondah	765MI	810MI	5.6% below	813MI
Total	3,205MI	4,390MI	27.0% below	3,321MI

RAINFALL

Catchment	11 Feb - 17 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	18.6 mm	17 mm	9.4% above	5.0 mm
Upper Yarra	12.0 mm	12.3 mm	2.4 % below	21.6 mm
O'Shannassy	10.6 mm	11.1 mm	4.5 % below	20.2 mm
Maroondah	11.8 mm	10.8 mm	9.3 % above	29.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 474,209 megalitres or 44.4% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water released 2,912 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 94% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

Note: 1 megalitre = 1 million litres

Issued 25 February 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 982,770 megalitres and are 53.9% full. This is a decrease of 16,570 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 63.6% full.

For the week to 24 February 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 1,849 megalitres, which is 48.1% below the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	463,581	43.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	117,854	58.9
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,911	63.7
Maroondah	22,000	13,170	59.9
Winneke	96,000	81,105	84.5
Yan Yean	30,000	21,553	71.8
Greenvale	27,000	22,021	81.6
Silvan	40,000	36,216	90.5
Cardinia	287,000	187,729	65.4
Tarago	37,500	28,727	76.6
Devil Bend	14,500	8,900	61.4
TOTAL	1,825,000	982,767	53.9

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	18 Feb - 24 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	612 MI	1,120 MI	45.4 % below	841 MI

Upper Yarra	113 MI	900 MI	87.4 % below	199 MI
O'Shannassy	544 MI	860 MI	36.7 % below	638 MI
Maroondah	580 MI	680 MI	14.7 % below	698 MI
Total	1,849 MI	3,560 MI	48.1 % below	2,376 MI

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 463,581 megalitres or 43.4% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 4,030 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 93% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	18 Feb - 24 Feb	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	3.4 mm	10.5 mm	67.6 % below	11.5 mm
Upper Yarra	0.4 mm	13.6 mm	97.1 % below	12.6 mm
O'Shannassy	2.4 mm	13.8 mm	82.6 % below	17.8 mm
Maroondah	1.4 mm	12.6 mm	88.9 % below	18.6 mm

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METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

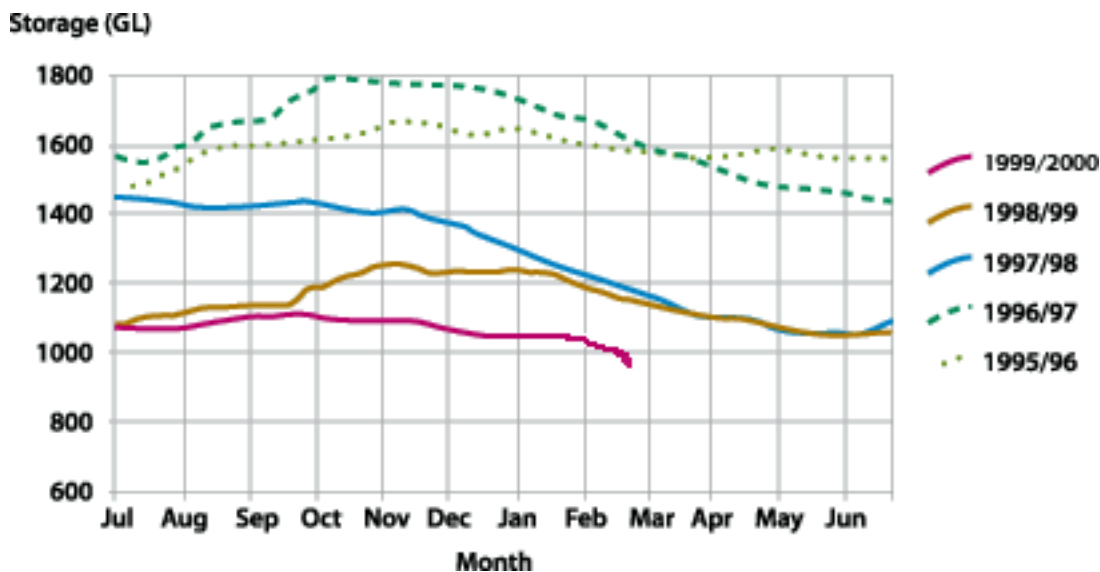
For the week 17 February to 23 February 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 13,505 megalitres.

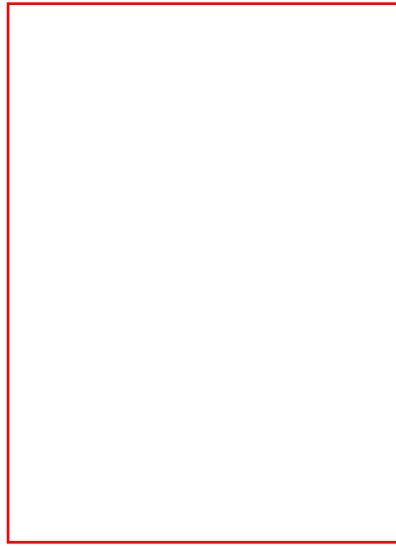
The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 16,055 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 10,533 megalitres. The consumption for the week (13,505 ML) was the third highest since 1985.

Note: 1 megalitre = 1 million litres

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1997	16,055
1991	14,175
2000	13,505

Water System Storage





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Issued 3 March 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 972,770 megalitres and are 53.4% full. This is a decrease of 10,530 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 63.1% full.

For the week to 2 March 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,781 megalitres, which is 17.0% below the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	454,573	42.6
Upper Yarra	200,000	119,518	59.8
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,923	64.1
Maroondah	22,000	12,458	56.6
Winneke	96,000	80,310	83.7
Yan Yean	30,000	21,749	72.5
Greenvale	27,000	21,812	80.8
Silvan	40,000	36,057	90.1
Cardinia	287,000	187,014	65.2
Tarago	37,500	28,509	76.0
Devil Bend	14,500	8,848	61.0
TOTAL	1,825,000	972,772	53.4

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	25 Feb - 02 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	879 MI	1,340 MI	21.5 % below	1,258 MI
Upper Yarra	278 MI	800 MI	65.3 % below	150 MI

O'Shannassy	740 MI	790 MI	6.3% below	573 MI
Maroondah	884 MI	640 MI	38.1 % below	571 MI
Total	2,781 MI	3,350 MI	17.0 % below	2,552 MI

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 454,573 megalitres or 42.6% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 3,313 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 95% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	25 Feb - 02 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	15.2 mm	13.1 mm	16.0 % below	15.7 mm
Upper Yarra	19.0 mm	8.2 mm	131.7 % below	1.0 mm
O'Shannassy	24.8 mm	9.5 mm	161.1 % below	5.0 mm
Maroondah	25.2 mm	10.7 mm	135.5 % below	4.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

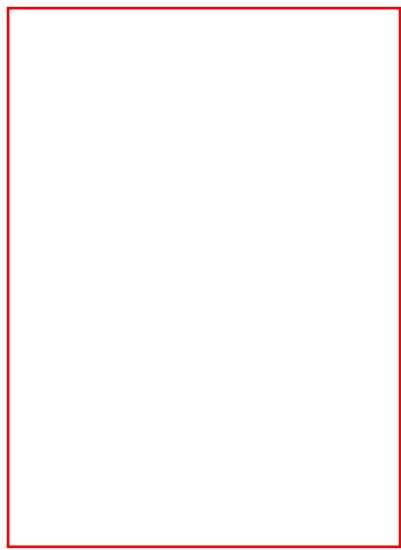
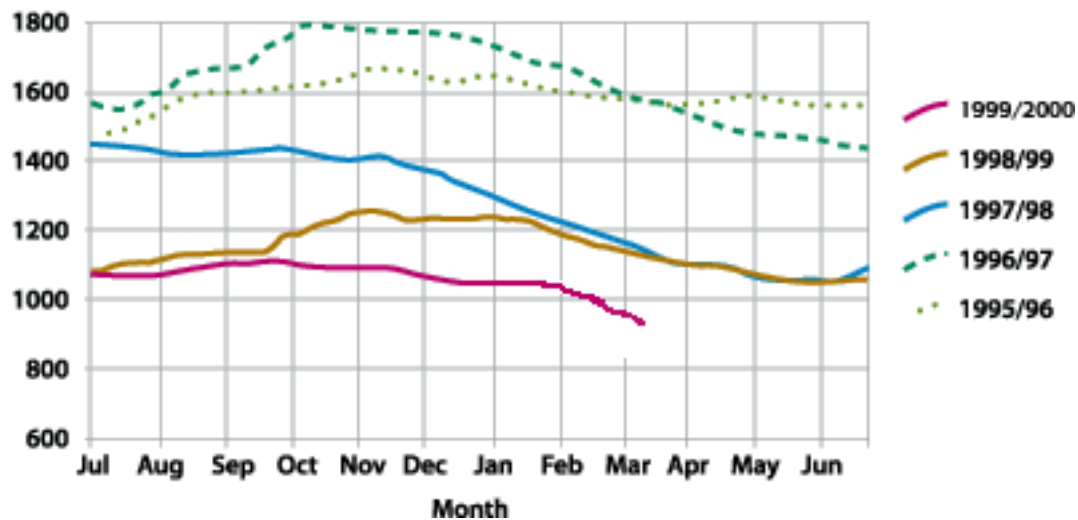
For the week 24 February 2000 to 1 March 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 10,962 megalitres. This is the eleventh highest since 1985.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 15,747 megalitres recorded in 1989. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 10,836 megalitres.

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1989	15,747
1991	14,224
1988	14,084
1986	13,451
1997	12,661
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1995	12,570
1992	12,385
1985	11,1198
1990	11,167
2000	10,962

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)

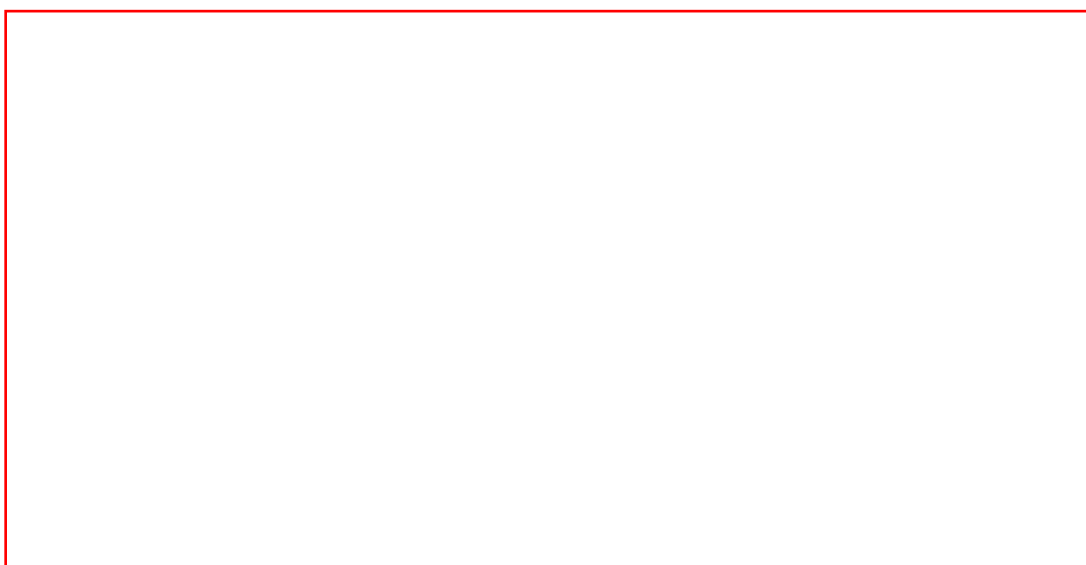


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Melbourne's Water Storages Continue to Slide

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 959,190 megalitres and are 52.6% full. This is a decrease of 13,570 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 62.6% full.

Water System Storage



For the week to 9 March 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 1,941 megalitres, which is 39.5% below the long term average.

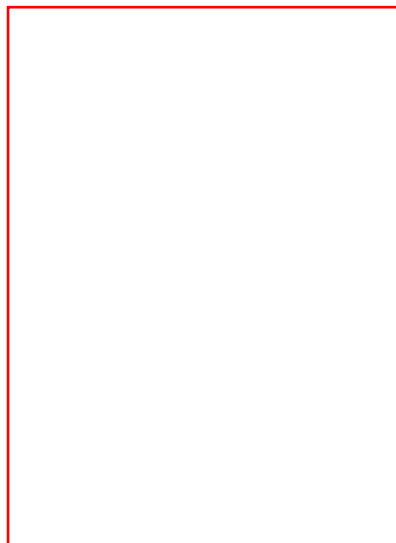
TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	451,925	42.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	114,580	57.3
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,736	57.9
Maroondah	22,000	11,374	51.7

Winneke	96,000	78,863	82.1
Yan Yean	30,000	21,749	72.5
Greenvale	27,000	21,540	79.8
Silvan	40,000	35,250	88.1
Cardinia	287,000	185,163	64.5
Tarago	37,500	28,300	75.5
Devil Bend	14,500	8,711	60.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	959,191	52.6

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 2 March 2000 to 8 March 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 11,044 megalitres, an increase of 1082 megalitres over the same period last week. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,837 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 15,455 megalitres recorded in 1991.



RAINFALL

Catchment	03 Mar - 09 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	10.4 mm	13.5 mm	23.0 % below	2.7 mm
Upper Yarra	12.2 mm	9.7 mm	25.8 % above	21.0 mm
O'Shannassy	8.0 mm	11.1 mm	27.9 % below	12.0 mm
Maroondah	4.6 mm	9.4 mm	51.1 % below	45.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	03 Mar - 09 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	749 MI	1,150 MI	34.9 % below	1,128 MI
Upper Yarra	131 MI	720 MI	81.8 % below	232 MI
O'Shannassy	541 MI	740 MI	26.9 % below	552 MI
Maroondah	520 MI	600 MI	13.3 % below	772 MI
Total	1,941 MI	3,210 MI	39.5 % below	2,684 MI

Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 451,925 megalitres or 42.3% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 3,048 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has

contributed approximately 93% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.



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Melbourne's water storages currently hold 946,600 megalitres and are 51.9% full. This is a decrease of 12,580 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 61.9% full.

For the week to 16 March 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,212 megalitres, which is 38.9% below the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	451,130	42.2
Upper Yarra	200,000	108,998	54.5
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,513	50.4
Maroondah	22,000	10,387	47.2
Winneke	96,000	77,440	80.7
Yan Yean	30,000	21,749	72.5
Greenvale	27,000	21,051	78.0
Silvan	40,000	34,971	87.4
Cardinia	287,000	182,993	63.8
Tarago	37,500	27,947	74.5
Devil Bend	14,500	8,422	58.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	946,601	51.9

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	10 Mar - 16 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	612 MI	1,340 MI	39.0 % below	443 MI
Upper Yarra	113 MI	800 MI	60.8 % below	249 MI
O'Shannassy	544 MI	780 MI	35.3% below	505 MI

Maroondah	580 MI	700 MI	17.7 % below	558 MI
Total	1,849 MI	3,620 MI	38.9 % below	1,755 MI

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 451,130 megalitres or 42.2% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,651 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 96% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	10 Mar - 16 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7.2 mm	18.7 mm	61.5 % below	0.4 mm
Upper Yarra	3.0 mm	18.9 mm	84.1 % below	2.0 mm
O'Shannassy	12.2 mm	19.1 mm	36.1 % below	5.6 mm
Maroondah	8.2 mm	18.8 mm	56.4 % below	3.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

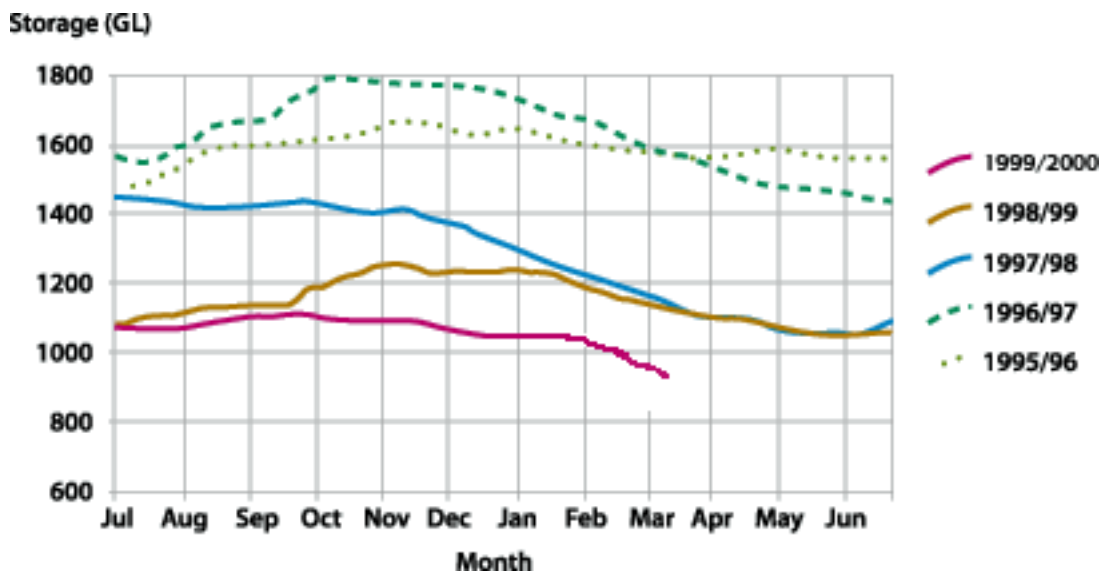
METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

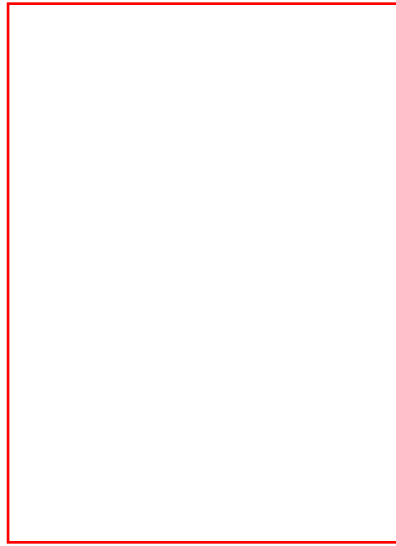
For the week 9 March 2000 to 15 March 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 12,101 megalitres. This was the fourth highest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 14,873 megalitres recorded in 1985. Consumption for the same period last year was 10,842 megalitres.

Note: 1 megalitre = 1 million litres

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1985	14,873
1998	12,641
1997	12,422
2000	12,101

Water System Storage





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2000 Water Storages Continue to Fall

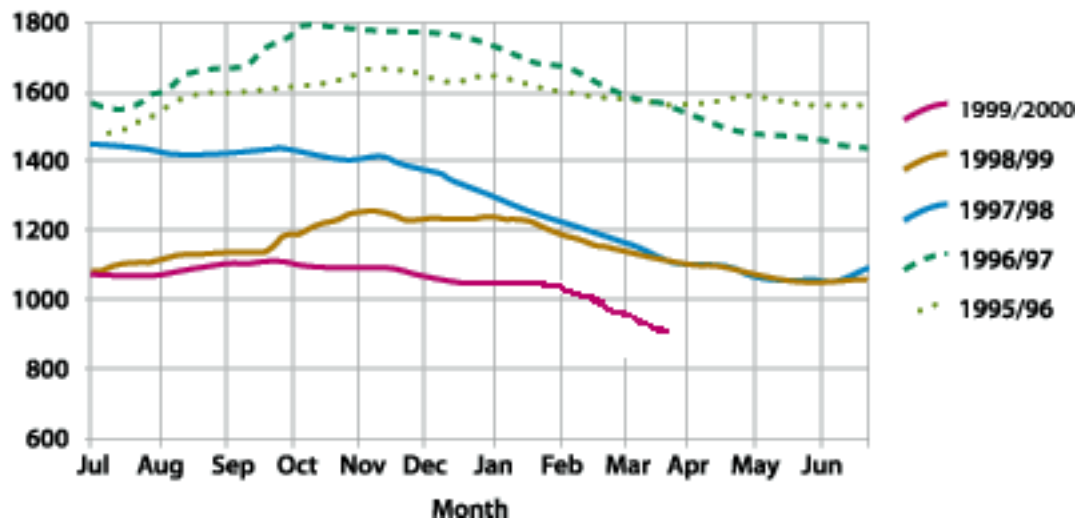
Melbourne's water storages currently hold 934,020 megalitres and are 51.2% full. This is a decrease of 12,580 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water storage was 61.4% full.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	449,421	42.1
Upper Yarra	200,000	103,158	51.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,315	43.8
Maroondah	22,000	9,467	43.0
Winneke	96,000	75,998	79.2
Yan Yean	30,000	21,749	72.5
Greenvale	27,000	20,643	76.5
Silvan	40,000	34,662	86.7
Cardinia	287,000	181,584	63.3
Tarago	37,500	27,679	73.8
Devil Bend	14,500	8,342	57.5
TOTAL	1,825,000	934,018	51.2

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 16 March 2000 to 22 March 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 11,699 megalitres.

This was the fourth highest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 12,744 megalitres recorded in 1998. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,907 megalitres.

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1998	12,744
1990	12,714
1986	12,497
2000	11,699

STREAMFLOW

For the week to 23 March 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra,

O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,044 megalitres, which is 37.9% below the long term average.

Catchment	17 Mar ÷ 23 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	603 MI	1,120 MI	46.2 % below	1,066 MI
Upper Yarra	265 MI	770 MI	65.6 % below	625 MI
O'Shannassy	530 MI	750 MI	29.3% below	700 MI
Maroondah	646 MI	650 MI	0.6 % below	993 MI
Total	2,044 MI	3,290 MI	37.9 % below	3,384 MI

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 449,421 megalitres or 42.1% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 2,312 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 87% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	17 Mar ÷ 23 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1.6 mm	17.9 mm	91.1 % below	1,066 mm
Upper Yarra	17.2 mm	14.0 mm	22.9 % above	25.0 mm
O'Shannassy	18.4 mm	15.9 mm	15.7% below	41.6 mm
Maroondah	25.4 mm	15.2 mm	67.1 % below	42.0 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

For the week ending 28 January 2000

RAIN FAILS TO INCREASE WATER STORAGE BUT SLOWS CONSUMPTION

Melbourne Water's latest water storage data shows that the week's rainfall has not yet resulted in an increase in water storage.

Acting Managing Director David Lynch said the rainfall has helped slow demand and should result in reducing demand further over the next week. He said the community was also playing its part in using water wisely.

CURRENT STORAGE

- Melbourne's water storage is 56.9% full and holds 1,037,930 megalitres - a decrease of 5,850 megalitres from last week.
- For the same time last year the water storage was 65.9% full.

WATER USE REDUCES

Melburnians **used 9,897 megalitres** of water during the week 20 January 2000 to 26 January 2000 a big reduction over the previous week when consumption was (13 January to 19 January 2000) **was 13,067 megalitres**.

The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 17,813 megalitres in 1990. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 12,144 megalitres.

STREAM FLOW INCREASE

For the week to 27 January 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 5,672 megalitres - 24.9% above the long term average.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	502,759	47.1
Upper Yarra	200,000	114,403	57.2

O'Shannassy	3,000	2,160	72.0
Maroondah	22,000	16,352	74.3
Sugarloaf	96,000	86,683	90.3
Yan Yean	30,000	21,504	71.7
Greenvale	27,000	24,501	90.7
Silvan	40,000	36,723	91.8
Cardinia	287,000	193,318	67.4
Tarago	37,500	29,320	78.2
Devil Bend	14,500	10,204	70.4
TOTAL	1,825,000	1,037,926	56.9

STREAM FLOW

Catchment	21 Jan - 27 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2,855 MI	1,600 MI	78.4 % above	1,235 MI
Upper Yarra	836 MI	1,040 MI	19.6 % below	675 MI
O'Shannassy	869 MI	1,050 MI	17.2 % below	777 MI
Maroondah	1,112 MI	850 MI	30.8 % above	711 MI
Total	5,672 MI	4,540 MI	24.9 % above	3,398 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1969 - 1998)

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RAINFALL

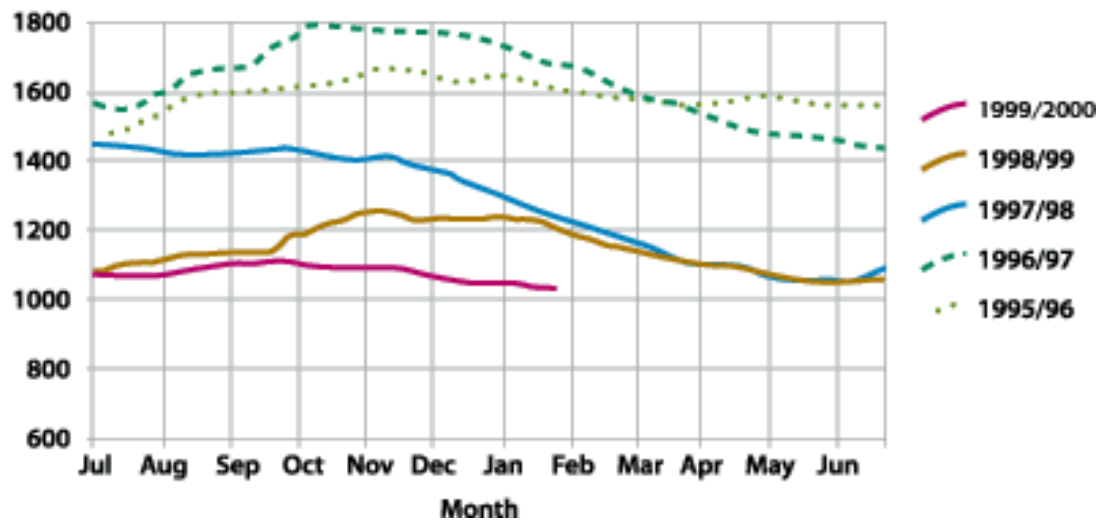
Catchment	21 Jan - 27 Jan	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
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Thomson	42.0 mm	16.0 mm	162.5 % above	23.2 mm
Upper Yarra	43.0 mm	15.2 mm	182.9 % above	6.0 mm
O'Shannassy	47.0 mm	15.7 mm	199.4 % above	6.4 mm
Maroondah	42.6 mm	16.8 mm	153.6 % above	11.2 mm

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WATER SYSTEM STORAGE

Storage (GL)



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2000 Water Storages Continue to Fall

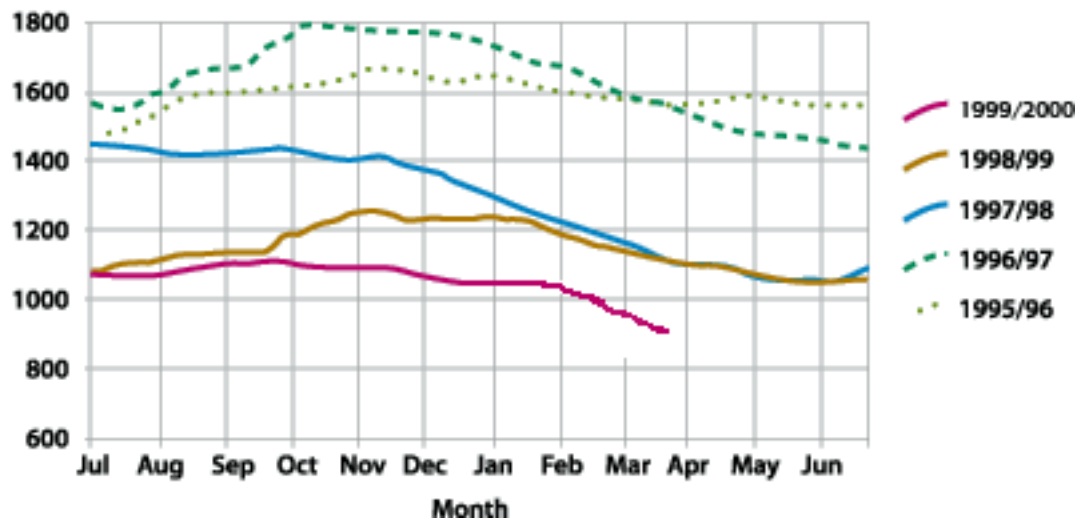
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Tarago	37,500	27,679	73.8
Devil Bend	14,500	8,342	57.5
TOTAL	1,825,000	934,018	51.2

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

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Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1998	12,744
1990	12,714
1986	12,497
2000	11,699

STREAMFLOW

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O'Shannassy	18.4 mm	15.9 mm	15.7% below	41.6 mm
Maroondah	25.4 mm	15.2 mm	67.1 % below	42.0 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

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WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL

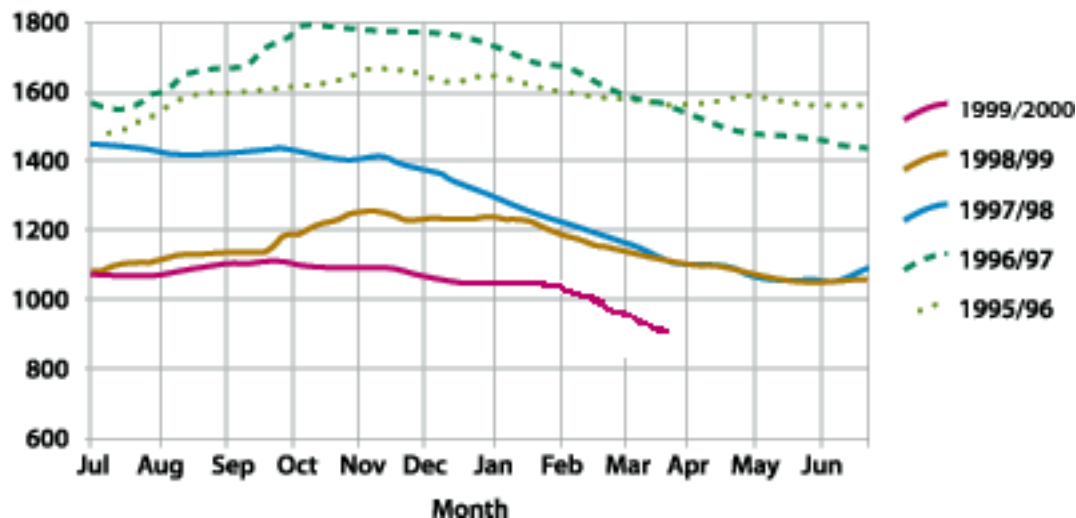
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TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	442,191	41.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	93,408	46.7
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,449	48.3
Maroondah	22,000	7,559	34.4
Winneke	96,000	73,666	76.7
Yan Yean	30,000	21,798	72.7
Greenvale	27,000	20,643	76.5
Silvan	40,000	33,931	84.8
Cardinia	287,000	179,254	62.5
Tarago	37,500	27,579	73.5
Devil Bend	14,500	8,278	57.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	909,755	49.8

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 30 March 2000 to 05 April 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 9,856 megalitres. This was the fifth highest since 1985.

The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 11,452 megalitres recorded in 1986. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,208 megalitres.

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1986	11,452
1990	10,464
1992	10,255
1998	10,208
2000	9,856

STREAMFLOW

For the week to 6 April 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 1,878 megalitres, which is 45.4% below the long term average.

Catchment	31 Mar - 06 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	508 MI	1,160 MI	56.2 % below	1,161 MI
Upper Yarra	253 MI	800 MI	68.4 % below	804 MI
O'Shannassy	460 MI	780 MI	41.0% below	841 MI
Maroondah	657 MI	700 MI	6.1 % below	943 MI
Total	1,878 MI	3,440 MI	45.4 % below	3,749 MI

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 442,191 megalitres or 41.4% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 2,701 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 95% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	24 Mar - 30 Mar	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	14.2 mm	13.2 mm	7.6 % above	12.8 mm
Upper Yarra	5.4 mm	16.5 mm	67.3 % below	37.4 mm
O'Shannassy	6.6 mm	18.2 mm	63.7% below	16.0 mm
Maroondah	15.4 mm	14.4 mm	6.9 % below	38.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)



WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL

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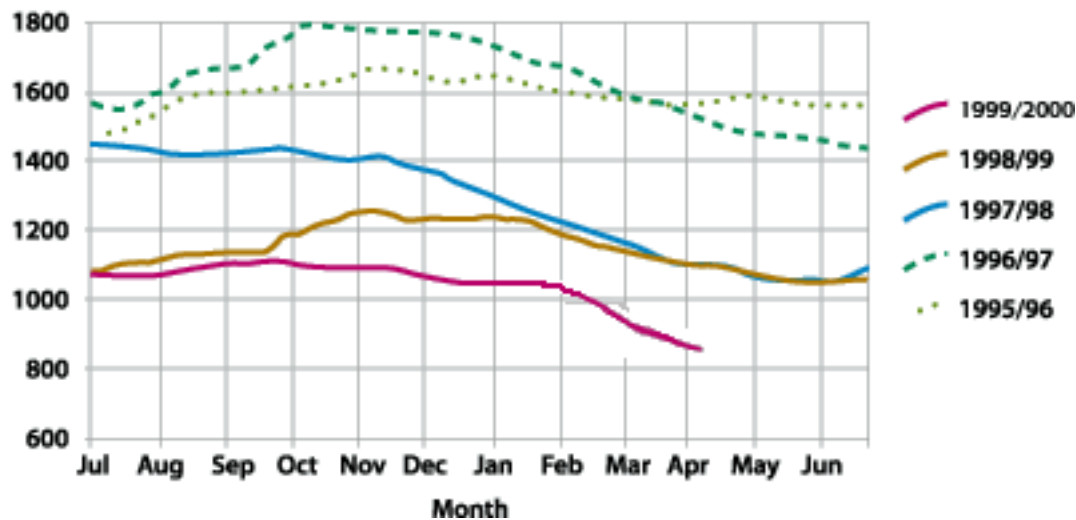
Melbourne's water storage currently holds 899,110 megalitres and is 49.3% full. This is a decrease of 10,650 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.3% full.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	434,034	41
Upper Yarra	200,000	95,034	48
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,463	49
Maroondah	22,000	6,954	32
Winneke	96,000	72,030	75
Yan Yean	30,000	21,798	73
Greenvale	27,000	20,767	73
Silvan	40,000	33,115	83
Cardinia	287,000	178,327	62
Tarago	37,500	27,337	73
Devil Bend	14,500	8,246	57
TOTAL	1,825,000	899,107	49.3

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



RAINFALL

Catchment	7 Apr - 13 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	0 mm	9.5 mm	100 % above	0.2 mm
Upper Yarra	0 mm	18.3 mm	100 % below	0 mm
O'Shannassy	0 mm	20.1 mm	100% below	0 mm
Maroondah	0 mm	20.8 mm	100 % below	0.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

For the week to 13 April 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 1,473 megalitres, which is 56.2% below the long term average.

Catchment	7 Apr - 13 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
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Thomson	297 MI	860 MI	65.5 % below	724 MI
Upper Yarra	213 MI	850 MI	74.9 % below	539 MI
O'Shannassy	450 MI	830 MI	45.8 % below	615 MI
Maroondah	513 MI	820 MI	37.4 % below	683 MI
Total	1,473 MI	3,360 MI	56.2 % below	2,561 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 434,034 megalitres or 41% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,594 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 95% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 6 April 2000 to 12 April 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 9,869 megalitres. The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 10,919 megalitres recorded in 1990.

WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL

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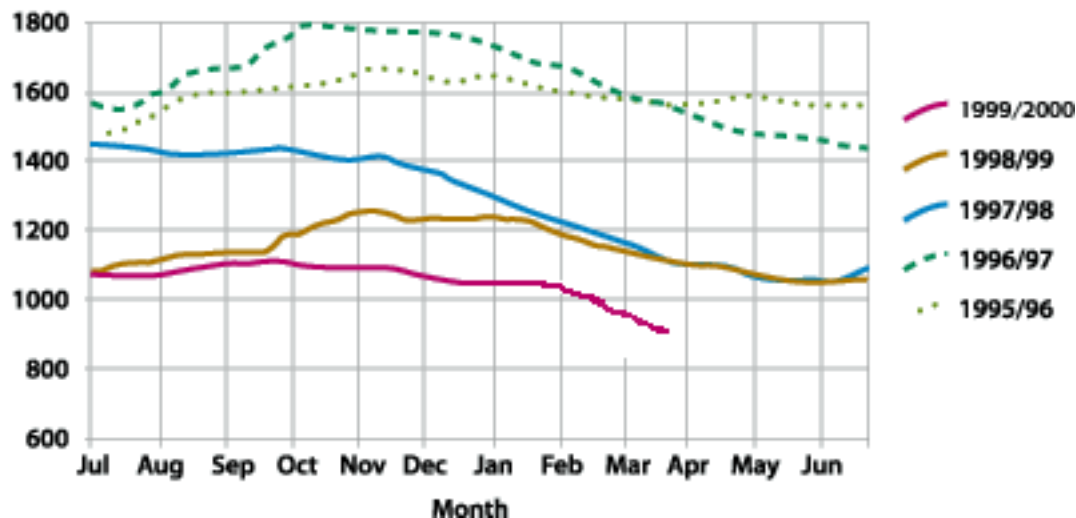
Melbourne's water storage currently holds 892,100 megalitres and is 48.9% full. This is a decrease of 8,730 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.9% full.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	427,688	40
Upper Yarra	200,000	96,466	48
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,734	58
Maroondah	22,000	7,126	32
Winneke	96,000	69,876	73
Yan Yean	30,000	21,847	73
Greenvale	27,000	20,925	78
Silvan	40,000	33,266	83
Cardinia	287,000	177,957	62
Tarago	37,500	26,970	72
Devil Bend	14,500	8,246	57
TOTAL	1,825,000	892,101	48.9

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



RAINFALL

Catchment	13 Apr - 19 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	0 mm	9.5 mm	100 % above	0.2 mm
Upper Yarra	0 mm	18.3 mm	100 % below	0 mm
O'Shannassy	0 mm	20.1 mm	100% below	0 mm
Maroondah	0 mm	20.8 mm	100 % below	0.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

For the week to 13 April 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,758 megalitres, which is 40.3% below the long term average.

Catchment	13 Apr - 19 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
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Thomson	297 MI	860 MI	65.5 % below	724 MI
Upper Yarra	213 MI	850 MI	74.9 % below	539 MI
O'Shannassy	450 MI	830 MI	45.8 % below	615 MI
Maroondah	513 MI	820 MI	37.4 % below	683 MI
Total	1,473 MI	3,360 MI	56.2 % below	2,561 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 427,688 megalitres or 40% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,910 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 95% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 12 April 2000 to 18 April 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,787 megalitres.

The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 10,809 megalitres recorded in 1988. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,009 megalitres.

WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL

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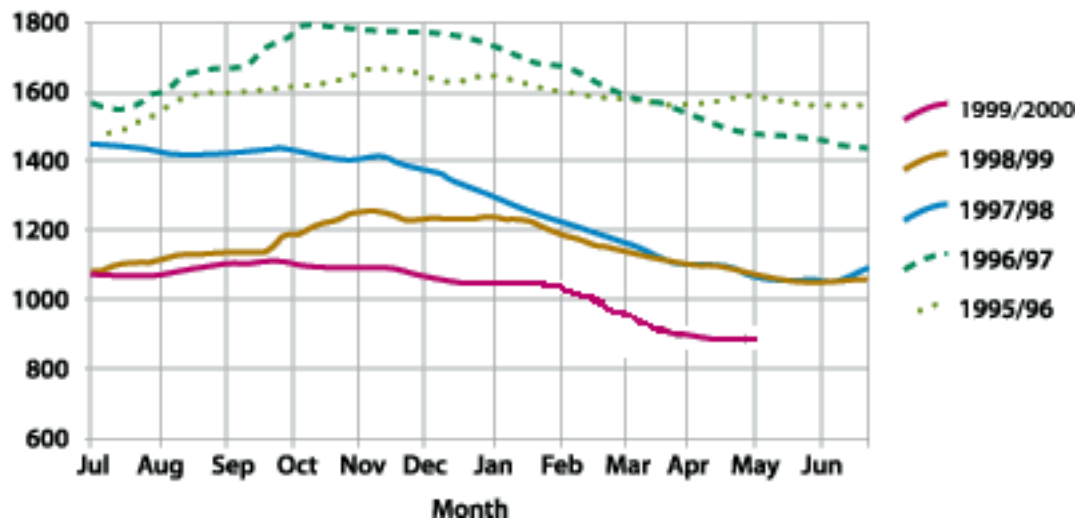
Melbourne's water storage currently holds 882,907 megalitres and is 48.4% full. This is a decrease of 7,938 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.4% full.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	419,183	39
Upper Yarra	200,000	98,648	49
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,409	47
Maroondah	22,000	7,202	33
Winneke	96,000	67,226	70
Yan Yean	30,000	21,994	73
Greenvale	27,000	21,526	79
Silvan	40,000	34,445	86
Cardinia	287,000	176,574	62
Tarago	37,500	26,757	71
Devil Bend	14,500	8,214	57
TOTAL	1,825,000	882,907	48.4

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



STREAMFLOW

For the week to 27 April 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,113 megalitres, which is 63.3% below the long term average.

Catchment	21- Apr - 27 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,111 MI	2,784 MI	60.1 % below	448 MI
Upper Yarra	71 MI	1,125 MI	93.2 % below	1,224 MI
O'Shannassy	450 MI	952 MI	52.7 % below	613 MI
Maroondah	475 MI	892 MI	46.7 % below	840 MI
Total	2,113 MI	5,735 MI	63.3 % below	3,125 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 419,183 megalitres or 39% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,646 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 95%

of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	21 Apr - 27 Apr	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	5.0 mm	33.2 mm	84.9 % below	21.4 mm
Upper Yarra	10.8 mm	22.2 mm	51.4 % below	19.0 mm
O'Shannassy	9.4 mm	26.9 mm	65.1% below	28.2 mm
Maroondah	8.2 mm	21.2 mm	61.3 % below	30.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 20 April 2000 to 26 April 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,213 megalitres.

The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 10,024 megalitres recorded in 1993. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,578 megalitres.

WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL

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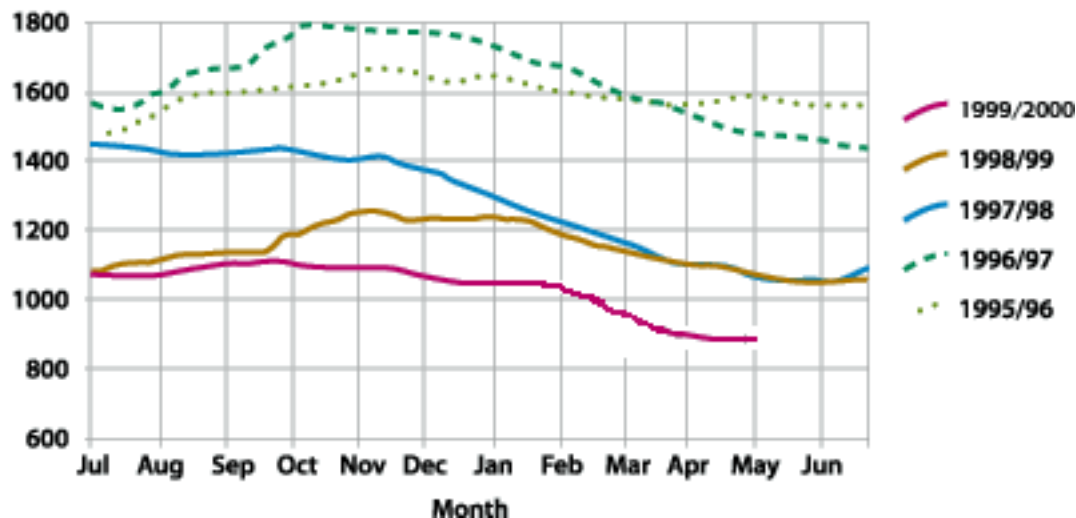
Melbourne's water storages currently hold 873,456 megalitres and are 47.9% full. This is a decrease of 9,451 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.0% full..

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	410,872	39
Upper Yarra	200,000	100,433	50
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,753	58
Maroondah	22,000	7,406	34
Winneke	96,000	64,737	67
Yan Yean	30,000	22,239	74
Greenvale	27,000	21,382	79
Silvan	40,000	33,750	84
Cardinia	287,000	176,022	61
Tarago	37,500	26,666	71
Devil Bend	14,500	8,198	57
TOTAL	1,825,000	873,456	47.9

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 27 April 2000 to 3 May 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,959 megalitres. This was the fourth highest since 1985.

The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 10,505 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,848 megalitres.

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1997	10,505
1993	9,137
1998	9,079
2000	8,959

STREAMFLOW

For the week to 4 May 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 2,566 megalitres, which is 53.3% below the long term average.

Catchment	28 Apr - 4 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	933 MI	2,080 MI	52.3 % below	548 MI
Upper Yarra	390 MI	1,270 MI	69.3 % below	652 MI
O'Shannassy	572 MI	1,070 MI	46.5 % below	499 MI
Maroondah	611 MI	1,070 MI	42.9 % below	692 MI
Total	2,566 MI	5,490 MI	53.3 % below	2,391 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 410,872 megalitres or 39% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 2,677 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 80% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	28 Apr - 4 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	24.0 mm	16.5 mm	45.5 % above	4.0 mm
Upper Yarra	40.4 mm	20.0 mm	102 % above	0.2 mm
O'Shannassy	43.2 mm	26.8 mm	65.2% above	0.8 mm
Maroondah	54.3 mm	22.8 mm	138 % above	0.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)



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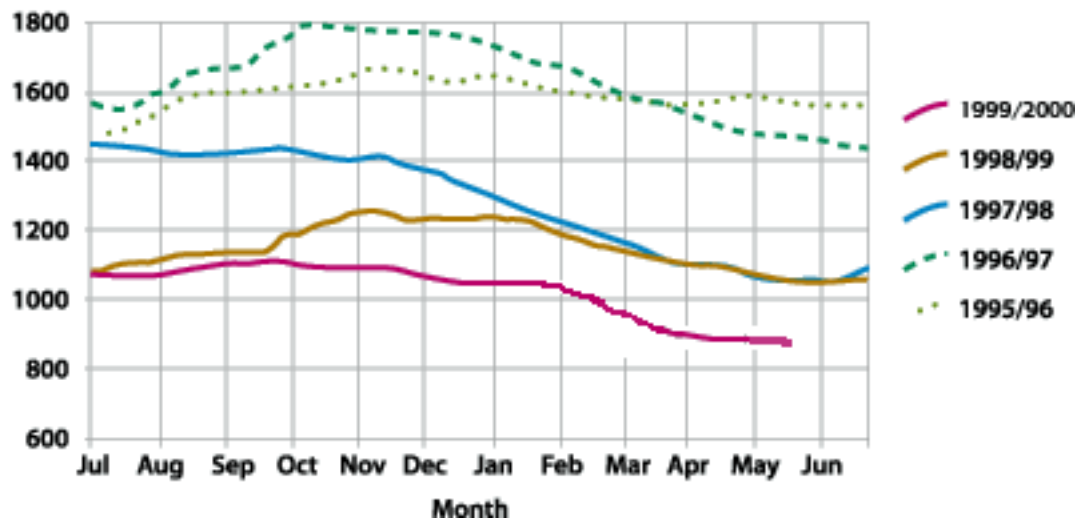
Melbourne's water storage currently holds 873,525 megalitres and is 47.9% full. This is an increase of 69 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.5% full.

TOTAL SYSTEM STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	407,522	38
Upper Yarra	200,000	102,942	52
O'Shannassy	3,000	1,901	63
Maroondah	22,000	7,973	36
Winneke	96,000	62,731	65
Yan Yean	30,000	22,827	76
Greenvale	27,000	21,652	80
Silvan	40,000	34,112	85
Cardinia	287,000	176,390	62
Tarago	37,500	27,213	73
Devil Bend	14,500	8,262	57
TOTAL	1,825,000	873,525	47.9

Water System Storage

Storage (GL)



STREAMFLOW

For the week to 11 May 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 6,891 megalitres, which is 46.6% above the long term average.

Catchment	5 May - 11 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,063 MI	1,530 MI	166 % above	456 MI
Upper Yarra	838 MI	1,160 MI	27.8 % below	279 MI
O'Shannassy	1,041 MI	1,050 MI	0.9 % below	503 MI
Maroondah	949 MI	960 MI	1.1 % below	619 MI
Total	6,891 MI	4,700 MI	46.6 % above	1,857 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 407,522 megalitres or 38% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 768 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 55% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	5 May - 11 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	62.4 mm	11.7 mm	433.0 % above	1.0 mm
Upper Yarra	26.2 mm	17.9 mm	46.3 % above	2.4 mm
O'Shannassy	37.6 mm	22.4 mm	67.9% above	4.4 mm
Maroondah	16.6 mm	19.1 mm	13.1 % below	4.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 4 May 2000 to 10 May 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,979 megalitres.

Issued 19 May

2000 CLIMATE FORECAST PROMPTS CALL TO REDUCE WATER USE

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley urged the community to not waste water in light of the Bureau of Meteorology's National Climate Centre.

Seasonal climate outlook including a reduced likelihood of above average rainfall across Victoria and the higher likelihood of warmer conditions.

He said if the dry weather continues in Melbourne's water harvesting catchments through winter and spring, water restrictions are likely during this year.

"Melbourne's water storage is 47.6% full holding 868,411 megalitres. This is a decrease of 5,114 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.2% full," he said.

Mr Bayley said Melbourne Water and the city's retail water companies have a coordinated drought response plan to manage the water supply during the dry period. The drought response plan sets trigger points for restrictions. The trigger points are based on sustaining supply above the minimum operating levels during a drought similar to 1982/83.

"We have not yet reached trigger point for stage 1 restrictions - 45% in May."

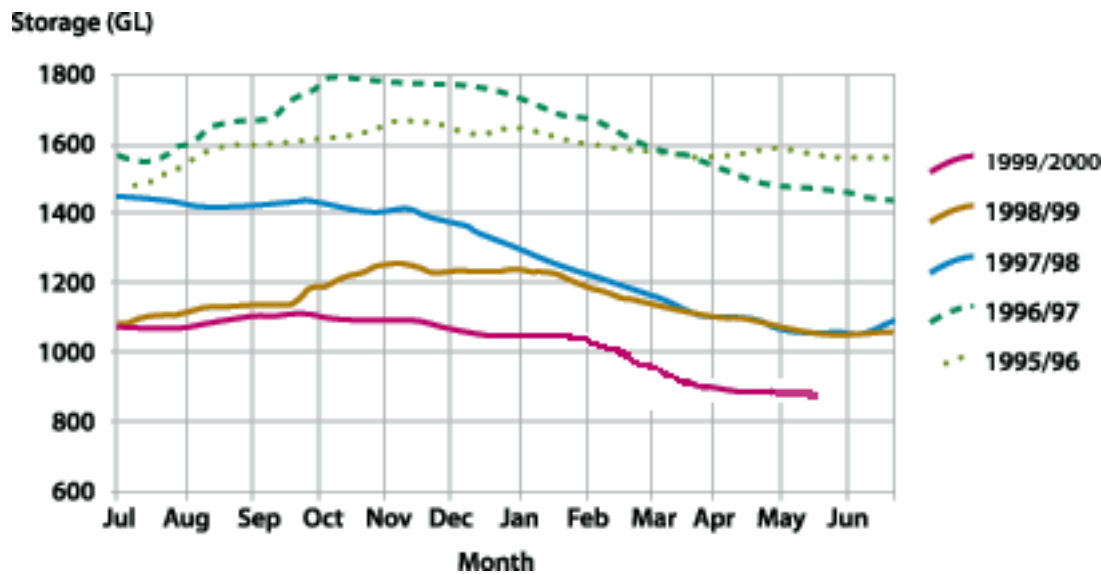
"There are some simple things we can do to conserve water such as not hosing down paths, mulching gardens and using a bucket of water to wash the car and windows rather than a hose."

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	408,275	38.2
Upper Yarra	200,000	98,802	49.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,095	69.8
Maroondah	22,000	8,289	37.7
Winneke	96,000	60,369	62.9
Yan Yean	30,000	22,925	76.4
Greenvale	27,000	21,812	80.8
Silvan	40,000	34,203	85.5
Cardinia	287,000	176,114	61.4

Tarago	37,500	27,274	72.7
Devil Bend	14,500	8,262	57.0
TOTAL	1,825,000	868,411	47.6

Water System Storage



STREAMFLOW

For the week to 18 May 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 3,807 megalitres, which is 30.7% below the long term average.

Catchment	12 May - 18 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,683MI	1,720 MI	2.2 % below	750 MI
Upper Yarra	551 MI	1,330 MI	58.6 % below	956 MI
O'Shannassy	922 MI	1,230 MI	25.0 % below	687 MI
Maroondah	651 MI	1,210 MI	46.2 % below	1,058 MI

Total	3,807 MI	5,490 MI	30.7 % above	3,451 MI
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* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 408,267 megalitres or 38.2% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 699 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 64% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	12 May - 18 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	11.4 mm	18.0 mm	36.7 % below	19.6 mm
Upper Yarra	19.0 mm	22.2 mm	14.4 % below	26.0 mm
O'Shannassy	29.2 mm	28.0 mm	4.3 % above	32.6 mm
Maroondah	10.8 mm	23.9 mm	54.8 % below	29.7 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 11 May 2000 to 17 May 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,205 megalitres. The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,367 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,366 megalitres.



Issued 26 May

2000 WATER STORAGE CONTINUES TO FALL LIKELIHOOD OF RESTRICTIONS INCREASES

Managing Director Brian Bayley said Melbourne Water's computer modelling shows that level 1 restrictions will be necessary by August if the current drought conditions continue. Level 1 restrictions include limiting the use of garden sprinklers and watering systems and using a bucket of water to wash the car rather than a hose.

Mr Bayley said that although water storages were still above the trigger point for level 1 restrictions, it was vital that people do what they can to conserve water and plan ahead in case restrictions become necessary.

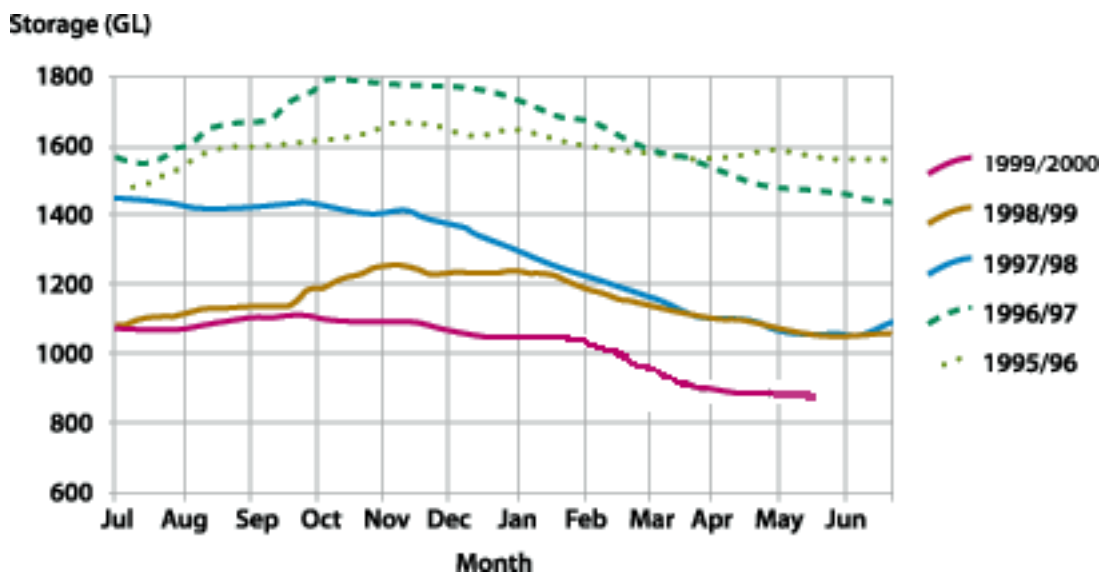
The trigger point for level 1 restrictions to be introduced in May is 813,200 megalitres, while the trigger point for June is 794,500 megalitres.

"Melbourne's water storage is 47.3% full holding 862,426 megalitres. This is a decrease of 5,985 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.9% full," he said.

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	408,763	38.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	94,447	47.2
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,151	71.7
Maroondah	22,000	7,960	36.2
Winneke	96,000	58,596	61.0
Yan Yean	30,000	23,023	76.7
Greenvale	27,000	21,957	81.3
Silvan	40,000	34,112	85.3
Cardinia	287,000	175,838	61.3
Tarago	37,500	27,365	73.0
Devil Bend	14,500	8,214	56.6
TOTAL	1,825,000	862,426	47.3

Water System Storage



STREAMFLOW

For the week to 25 May 2000, total stream flow into the major harvesting catchments (Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy and Maroondah) was 3,285 megalitres, which is 48.1 % below the long term average.

Catchment	19 May - 25 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,240MI	2,290 MI	45.9 % below	1,342 MI
Upper Yarra	461 MI	1,570 MI	70.6 % below	807 MI
O'Shannassy	834 MI	1,260 MI	33.8 % below	580 MI
Maroondah	750 MI	1,210 MI	38.0 % below	804 MI
Total	3,285 MI	6,330 MI	48.1% above	3,533 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970 - 1999)

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 408,763 megalitres or 38.3% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 744 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 69% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

RAINFALL

Catchment	19 May - 25 May	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4.0 mm	20.8 mm	80.8 % below	12.0 mm
Upper Yarra	6.8 mm	22.7 mm	70.0 % below	12.0 mm
O'Shannassy	6.0 mm	27.1 mm	77.9 % above	15.0 mm
Maroondah	3.8 mm	20.3 mm	81.3 % below	9.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

METROPOLITAN CONSUMPTION

For the week 18 May 2000 to 24 May 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,353 megalitres. The highest consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,430 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,366 megalitres.

Issued 2 June 2000

IT TAKES MORE THAN A WEEK'S RAIN TO BREAK THE DROUGHT

Rainfall across Melbourne's major water supply catchments was well above the long-term average for May. However, despite the well above average rainfall, streamflow into the storage reservoirs remained below average as a result of the dry ground conditions.

The recent cold snap significantly increased rainfall totals across the major catchments for May with between 40% to 60% of the monthly totals falling in the last week of the month.

More rain is needed to increase water storage and the community is urged to continue using water wisely.

MAY RAINFALL

Catchment	May Rainfall (mm)	Average May Rainfall (mm)	% Above Average
Maroondah	177.9	105.3	68.9 above
O'Shannassy	241.0	127.4	89.2 above
Upper Yarra	207.8	104.2	99.4 above
Thomson	179.8	75.7	137.5 above

MAY STREAMFLOW

Catchment	May Streamflow (ML)	Average May Streamflow (ML)	% Below Average
Maroondah	4233	5968	29.1 below
O'Shannassy	4729	6046	21.8 below
Upper Yarra	4109	7912	48.1 below
Thomson	11332	15661	27.6 below

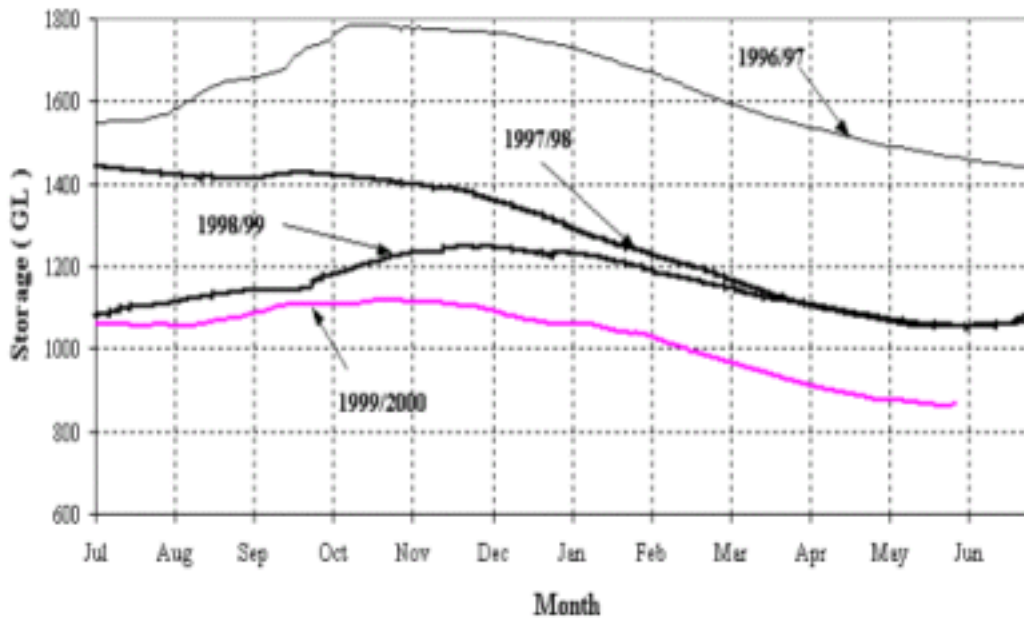
WATER STORAGE

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 872,213 megalitres and is 47.8% full. This is an increase of 9,787 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.9% full.

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	413,254	38.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	92,182	46.1
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,906	96.9
Maroondah	22,000	8,897	40.4
Winneke	96,000	58,854	61.3
Yan Yean	30,000	23,813	79.4
Greenvale	27,000	22,309	82.6
Silvan	40,000	36,279	90.7
Cardinia	287,000	176,758	61.6
Tarago	37,500	28,540	76.1
Devil Bend	14,500	8,422	58.1
TOTAL	1,825,000	872,213	47.8

Water System Storage



CONSUMPTION

For the month of May 2000, the metropolitan consumption was 34,789 megalitres. This was significantly lower than the 37,719 megalitres used in May last year, which was the highest on record dating back to 1985.

Issued 9 June 2000

RAIN MAKES AN IMPACT BUT MUCH MORE IS NEEDED

Rainfall across Melbourne's major water supply catchments for the seven days to 8 June 2000 was well above the long-term average. Streamflow into the storage reservoirs for the week was also between 82.8% and 265.6% above the long-term average.

However, Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley warned Melburnians not to be complacent about the impact of the recent rainfall on water storage.

He said that although the rainfall was welcomed, it takes more than a couple of week's rain to break the drought.

"Melbourne's water storage currently holds 892,979 megalitres or is 48.9% full. For the same time last year the storage was 57.8% full."

He said that while the storage has increased by 20,766 megalitres since last week, this only represents about 1.14% of total system storage.

Mr Bayley said the community is urged to continue using water wisely even in the cool, wet weather.

RAINFALL

Catchment	02-08 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	31.0mm	20.5mm	51.2% above	3.4mm
Upper Yarra	50.4mm	21.3mm	136.6% above	6.4mm
O'Shannassy	51.6mm	25.9mm	99.2% above	14.0mm
Maroondah	50.6mm	19.8mm	155.6% above	3.8mm

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	02-08 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	9,392 MI	2,820 MI	233.0% above	1,821 MI
Upper Yarra	6,836 MI	1,870 MI	265.6% above	1,165 MI
O'Shannassy	2,687 MI	1,470 MI	82.8% above	1,010 MI
Maroondah	3,327 MI	1,380 MI	141.1% above	1,328 MI
Total	22,242 MI	7,540 MI	195.0% above	5,324 MI

WATER STORAGE

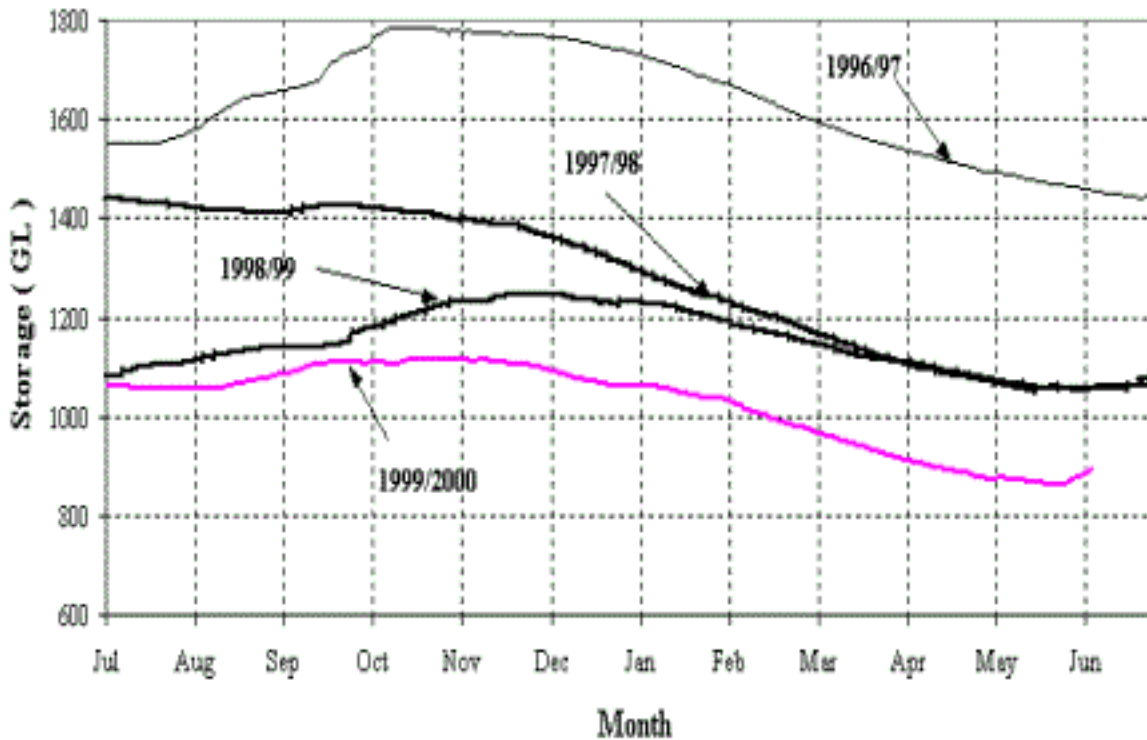
Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 422,210 megalitres or 39.5% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 435 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 18% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	422,210	39.5
Upper Yarra	200,000	97,459	48.7
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,165	105.5
Maroondah	22,000	11,804	53.7
Winneke	96,000	60,273	62.8
Yan Yean	30,000	24,613	82.0
Greenvale	27,000	22,602	83.7
Silvan	40,000	35,498	88.7
Cardinia	287,000	177,126	61.7
Tarago	37,500	29,709	79.2
Devil Bend	14,500	8,522	58.8
TOTAL	1,825,000	892,979	48.9

Water System Storage



CONSUMPTION

For the week 1 June to 7 June 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,747 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 8,270 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,874 megalitres.

Issued 16 June 2000

MELBOURNE WATER WORKING ON THREE WATER RESTRICTION SCENARIOS

In planning for the possible introduction of water restrictions this Spring, Melbourne Water is using computer modelling to determine how Melbourne's water supply system will work under a range of climatic, stream flow and demand conditions.

Managing Director Brian Bayley said using this modelling, Melbourne Water has developed the following scenarios:

- If dry weather continues in the water supply catchments and the demand for water remains the same, level one restrictions would be necessary by Spring this year. Level 1 restrictions involve limiting the use of garden sprinklers and watering systems and using a bucket of water rather than a hose to wash the car.
- If average rainfall occurs in the catchments during Winter and Spring, then water restrictions should not be necessary this Summer. However, it would be imperative that people continue to use water wisely to conserve for the future.
- Above average rainfall in the catchments would most likely see the end of the drought and considerably reduce the likelihood of water restrictions

"The recent good rain has meant that restrictions will not need to be implemented as early as late Winter as we had envisaged," said Mr Bayley.

"However, we are still faced with the possibility that level one restrictions will be needed by September or October if we have had continued dry weather and the same level of demand."

Mr Bayley said it was, as a result, important for Melbourne people to remain mindful of the need to conserve water - even in the winter months.

"While demand for water reduces during the cooler months, it's important to make sure that people remember that we are still in our worst drought which means we must continue to be sensible with our water use."

RAINFALL

Catchment	09-15 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1.2mm	26.0mm	95.4% below	14.0mm

Upper Yarra	6.4mm	24.3mm	73.7% below	27.6mm
O'Shannassy	14.6mm	30.2mm	51.7% below	26.8mm
Maroondah	5.2mm	25.0mm	79.2% below	37.8mm

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	09-15 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7,518 Mi	4,460 MI	68.6% above	1,650 MI
Upper Yarra	6,262 MI	2,350 MI	166.5% above	756 MI
O'Shannassy	2,238 MI	1,680 MI	33.2% above	1,061 MI
Maroondah	2,534 MI	1,630 MI	55.5% above	4,918 MI
Total	18,552 MI	10,120 MI	83.3% above	4,918 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

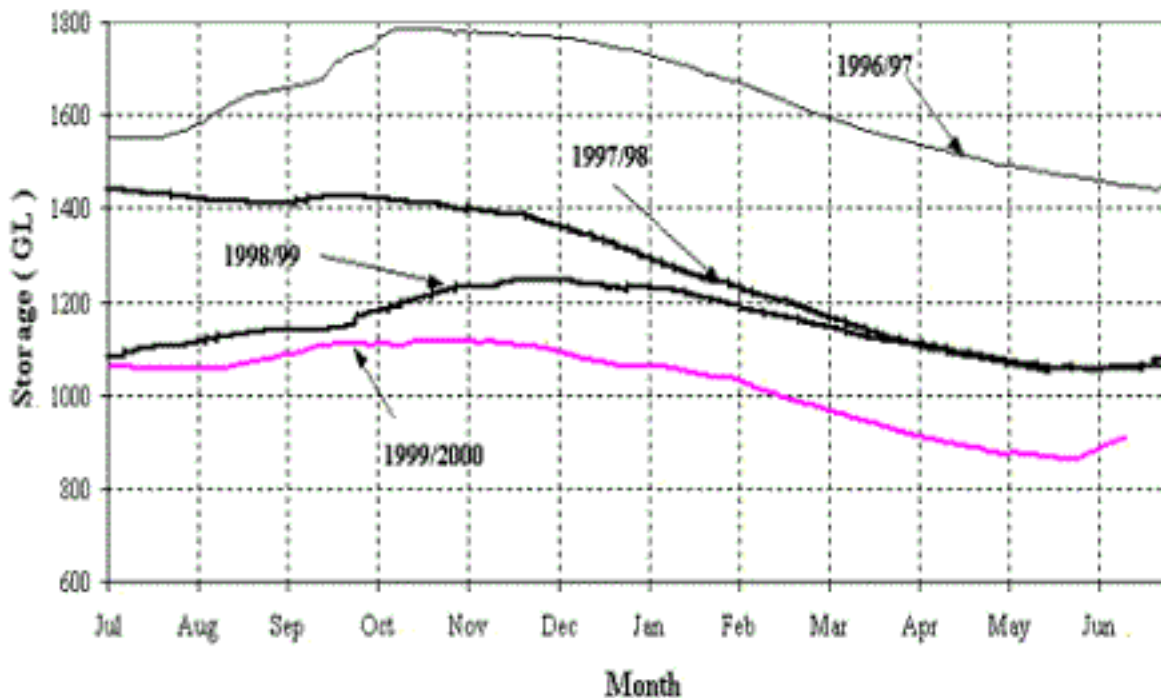
WATER STORAGE

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 908,264 megalitres and is 49.8% full. This is an **increase** of 15,285 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.9% full.

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY		
	(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	429,227	40.2
Upper Yarra	200,000	101,945	51.0
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,141	104.7
Maroondah	22,000	13,944	63.4
Winneke	96,000	61,694	64.3
Yan Yean	30,000	24,963	83.2
Greenvale	27,000	22,862	84.7
Silvan	40,000	34,878	87.2
Cardinia	287,000	176,758	61.6
Tarago	37,500	30,227	80.6
Devil Bend	14,500	8,625	59.5
TOTAL	1,825,000	892,979	48.9

Water System Storage



Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 429,227 megalitres or 40.2% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 502 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 29 % of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

CONSUMPTION

For the week 08 June to 14 June 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,641 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 7,996 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,242 megalitres.

Issued 23 June 2000

WATER STORAGE ON THE INCREASE BUT MORE RAIN IS NEEDED

Melbourne Water's Acting Managing Director David Lynch said that while there was a slight increase in Melbourne's water storage, more rain was required.

Dr Lynch said while good rainfall had been received in the Upper Yarra and O'Shannassy catchments, very little had been received in the Maroondah and Thomson catchments.

He also urged the community to watch its water use during Winter as this week's water consumption was higher than for the same period last year.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 884,252 megalitres and is 49.5% full. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.7% full.

RAINFALL

Catchment	16-22 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7.8mm	20.0mm	61.0% below	15.0mm
Upper Yarra	22.6mm	20.5mm	10.2% above	36.8mm
O'Shannassy	24.8mm	29.2mm	15.1% below	47.8mm
Maroondah	3.6mm	23.2mm	84.5% below	34.6mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER STORAGE

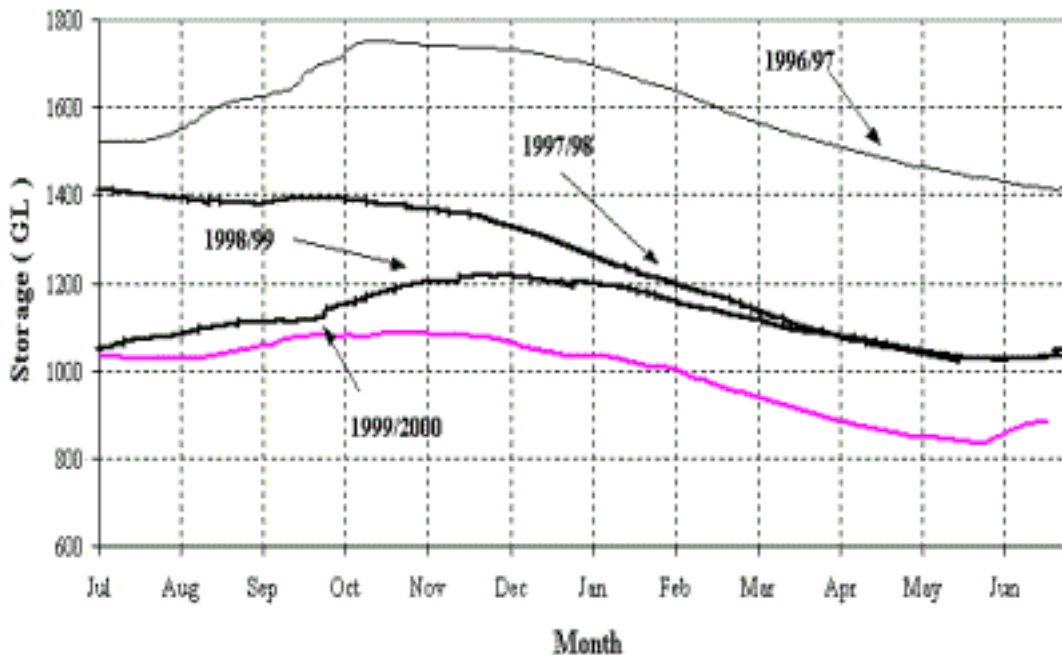
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WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY		
	(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	433,073	40.5
Upper Yarra	200,000	103,614	51.8
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,181	106.0
Maroondah	22,000	14,550	66.1

Winneke	96,000	62,430	65.0
Yan Yean	30,000	25,264	84.2
Greenvale	27,000	23,122	85.6
Silvan	40,000	33,735	84.3
Cardinia	287,000	176,564	61.5
Devil Bend	14,500	8,711	60.1
TOTAL	1,787,500	884,252	49.5

Water System Storage



CONSUMPTION

For the week 15 June to 21 June 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,380 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 6,940 megalitres.

Issued 30 June 2000

WATER STORAGE ON THE INCREASE BUT MORE RAIN IS NEEDED

Melbourne Water's Acting Managing Director David Lynch said that while there was a slight increase in Melbourne's water storage this week, more rain was required.

Dr Lynch said major water supply catchments received some rainfall this week, however total rainfall is still well below the long term average.

He urged the community to watch its water use during Winter as this week's water consumption was higher than for the same period last year.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 890,388 megalitres and is 49.8% full. This is an increase of 6,216 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.8% full.

RAINFALL

Catchment	23-29 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	6.2mm	34.0mm	81.8% below	1.6mm
Upper Yarra	15.2mm	25.5mm	40.4% below	0.8mm
O'Shannassy	26.2mm	36.8mm	28.8% below	0.4mm
Maroondah	7.4mm	23.9mm	69.0% below	1.8mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	23-29 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,942 MI	5,120 MI	3.5% below	2,456 MI
Upper Yarra	3,108 MI	3,010 MI	0.3% above	1,512 MI
O'Shannassy	2,253 MI	1,970 MI	14.4% above	1,348 MI
Maroondah	1,777 MI	1,890 MI	6.0% below	1,774 MI
Total	11,990 MI	11,990 MI	0.0% above	7,090 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

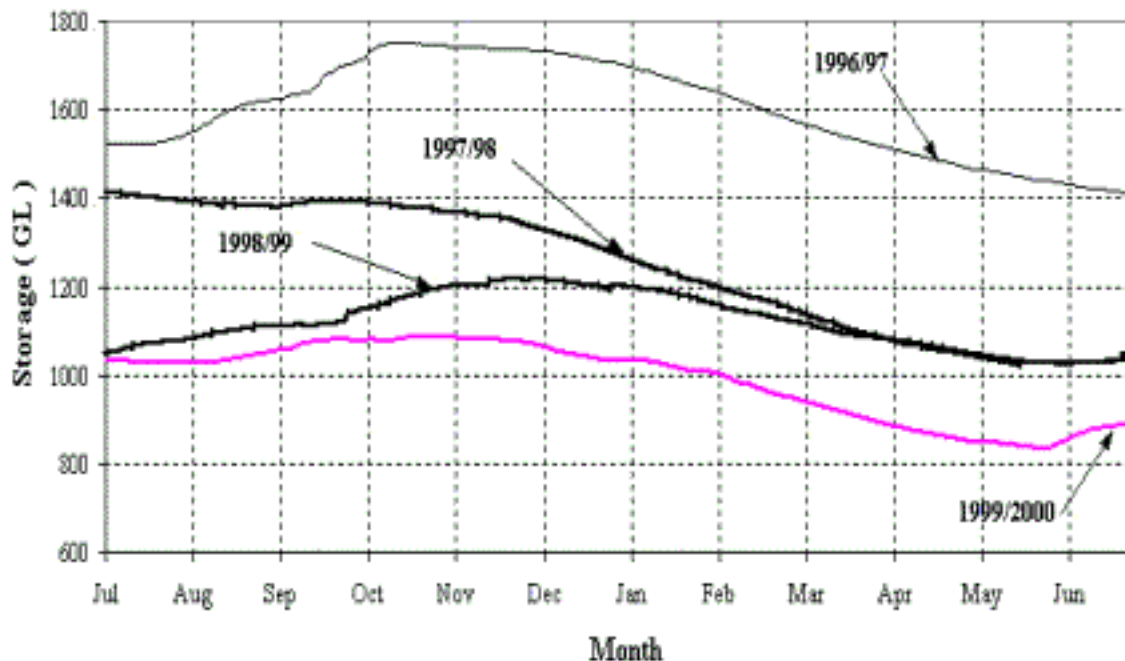
WATER STORAGE

WATER STORAGE DATA

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	437,436	41.0
Upper Yarra	200,000	104,046	52.0
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,178	105.9
Maroondah	22,000	14,799	67.3
Winneke	96,000	63,399	66.0
Yan Yean	30,000	25,570	85.2
Greenvale	27,000	23,304	86.3
Silvan	40,000	33,206	83.0
Cardinia	287,000	176,620	61.5
Devil Bend	14,500	8,831	60.9
TOTAL*	1,787,500	890,388	49.8

*Total system storage does not include Tarago Reservoir as it does not supply metropolitan Melbourne.

Water System Storage



Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 437,436 megalitres or 41.0% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 580 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 44 % of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

CONSUMPTION

For the week 22 June to 28 June 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,776 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 is 7,917 megalitres recorded in 1998. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,601 megalitres.

Issued 7 July 2000

WATER STORAGE REACHES 50% BUT MORE RAIN IS NEEDED TO BREAK THE DROUGHT

Melbourne Water's Acting Managing Director David Lynch said that while Melbourne's water storage reached 50% this week, much more rain was required to break the longest drought on record.

Dr Lynch said major water supply catchments received some rainfall this week, however total rainfall is still well below the long term average.

He urged the community to watch its water use during Winter as this week's water consumption was higher than for the same period last year.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 894,630 megalitres and is 50.0% full. This is an increase of 4,242 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.7% full.

MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	440,823	41.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	103,710	51.9
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,125	104.2
Maroondah	22,000	14,815	67.3
Sugarloaf	96,000	64,369	67.1
Yan Yean	30,000	25,927	86.4
Greenvale	27,000	23,585	87.4
Silvan	40,000	32,727	81.8
Cardinia	287,000	176,666	61.6
Devil Bend	14,500	8,883	61.3
TOTAL*	1,787,500	894,630	50.0

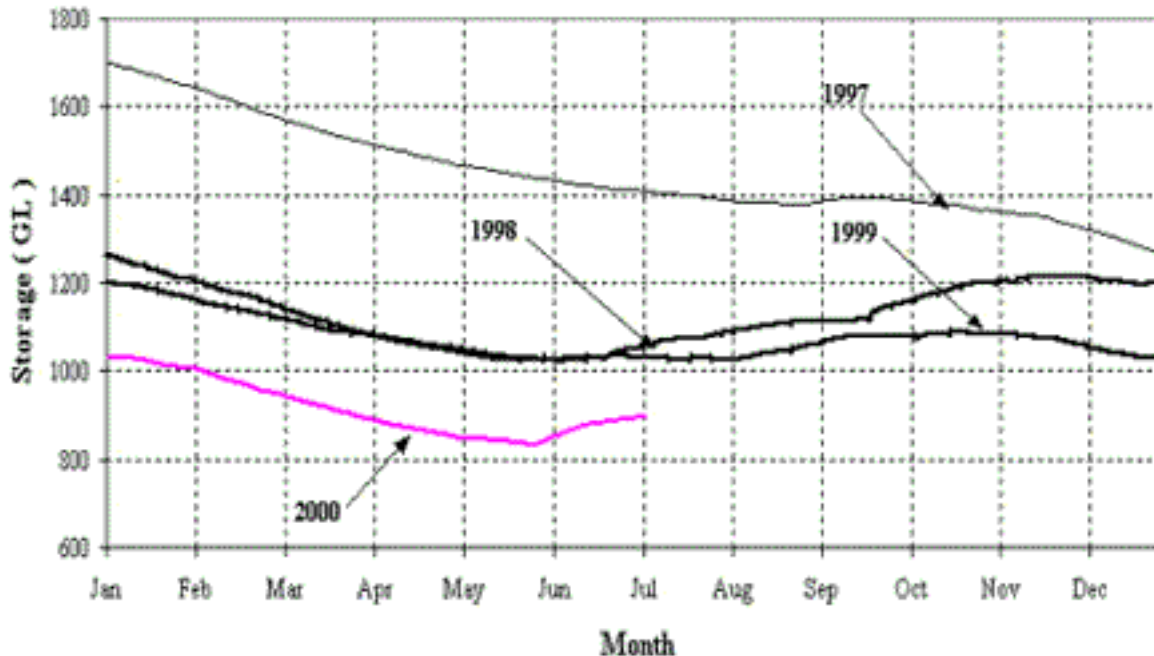
*Total system storage does not include Tarago Reservoir as it does not supply metropolitan Melbourne.

Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 440,823 megalitres or 41.3% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 959 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed

approximately 61% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

Water System Storage



RAINFALL

Catchment	30 Jun - 06 Jul	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2.6mm	16.5mm	84.2% below	3.4mm
Upper Yarra	6.2mm	26.5mm	76.6% below	7.0mm
O'Shannassy	8.6mm	35.8mm	76.0% below	7.4mm
Maroondah	8.0mm	22.7mm	64.8% below	12.5mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	30 Jun - 06 Jul	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,347 MI	5,340 MI	18.6% below	2,077 MI
Upper Yarra	2,303 MI	3,880 MI	40.6% below	1,021 MI
O'Shannassy	1,763 MI	2,470 MI	28.6% below	1,005 MI
Maroondah	1,529 MI	2,210 MI	30.8% below	1,446 MI
Total	9,942 MI	13,900 MI	28.5% below	5,549 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

CONSUMPTION

For the week 29 June 2000 to 5 July 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,692 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 7,804 megalitres recorded in 1993. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,359 megalitres.

Issued 14 July 2000

LOW RAINFALL, HIGH CONSUMPTION: BOTH DISAPPOINTING

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 897,740 megalitres and is 50.2% full. This is an increase of 3,110 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.6% full.

Melbourne Water's Acting Managing Director David Lynch said that while Melbourne's water storage recorded a minor increase, rainfall and streamflow in the major water supply catchments are still well below average.

"For the week to 13 July 2000 rainfall was between 17.8% and 56.4% below the long term average.

Dr Lynch urged the community to watch its water use during Winter as this week's water consumption was higher than for the same period last year.

MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE

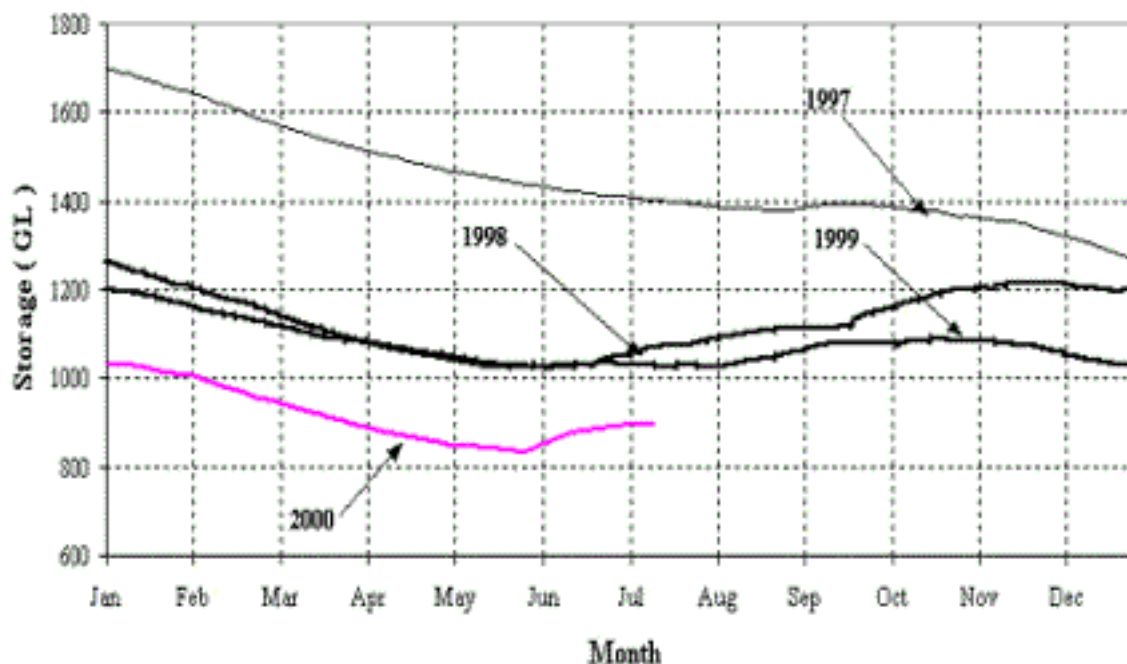
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	443,298	41.5
Upper Yarra	200,000	102,559	51.3
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,128	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	14,749	67.0
Winneke	96,000	66,249	68.0
Yan Yean	30,000	26,284	87.6
Greenvale	27,000	23,784	88.1
Silvan	40,000	33,176	82.9
Cardinia	287,000	176,390	61.5
Devil Bend	14,500	9,124	62.9
TOTAL*	1,787,500	897,740	50.2

*Total system storage does not include Tarago Reservoir as it does not supply metropolitan Melbourne.

Thomson Reservoir Releases

The Thomson Reservoir is Melbourne's major water storage. It currently holds 443,298 megalitres or 41.5% of capacity. Over the last week Melbourne Water has released 1,143 megalitres from the Thomson Reservoir to assist in maintaining the health of Thomson River. The Thomson Reservoir has contributed approximately 73% of the total flows at Coopers Creek for the week.

Water System Storage



RAINFALL

Catchment	07-13 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	11.6mm	22.2mm	47.7% below	15.2mm
Upper Yarra	9.8mm	22.5mm	56.4% below	0.0mm
O'Shannassy	13.2mm	26.9mm	50.9% below	0.0mm
Maroondah	16.6mm	20.2mm	17.8% below	2.8mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	07-13 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	3,618 MI	5,910 MI	38.8 % below	1,625 MI
Upper Yarra	1,964 MI	4,310 MI	54.4% below	677 MI
O'Shannassy	1,740 MI	2,420 MI	28.1% below	851 MI
Maroondah	1,462 MI	2,100 MI	30.4% below	1,199 MI
Total	8,784 MI	14,740 MI	40.4% below	4,352 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

CONSUMPTION

For the week 6 July 2000 to 13 July 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,683 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,123 megalitres recorded in 1994. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,545 megalitres.

Issued 21 July 2000

WATER STORAGE WELL DOWN ON LAST YEAR.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 899,685 megalitres and is 50.3% full. While this is a slight increase over last week, (1,945 megalitres), it is still well down on last year. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.4% full.

General Manager Water, Ross Young, said rainfall during the week had little impact on the water storage reservoirs because stream flow was well below average.

"We need a few days of steady rainfall in the water supply catchments to make any real gains in water storage.

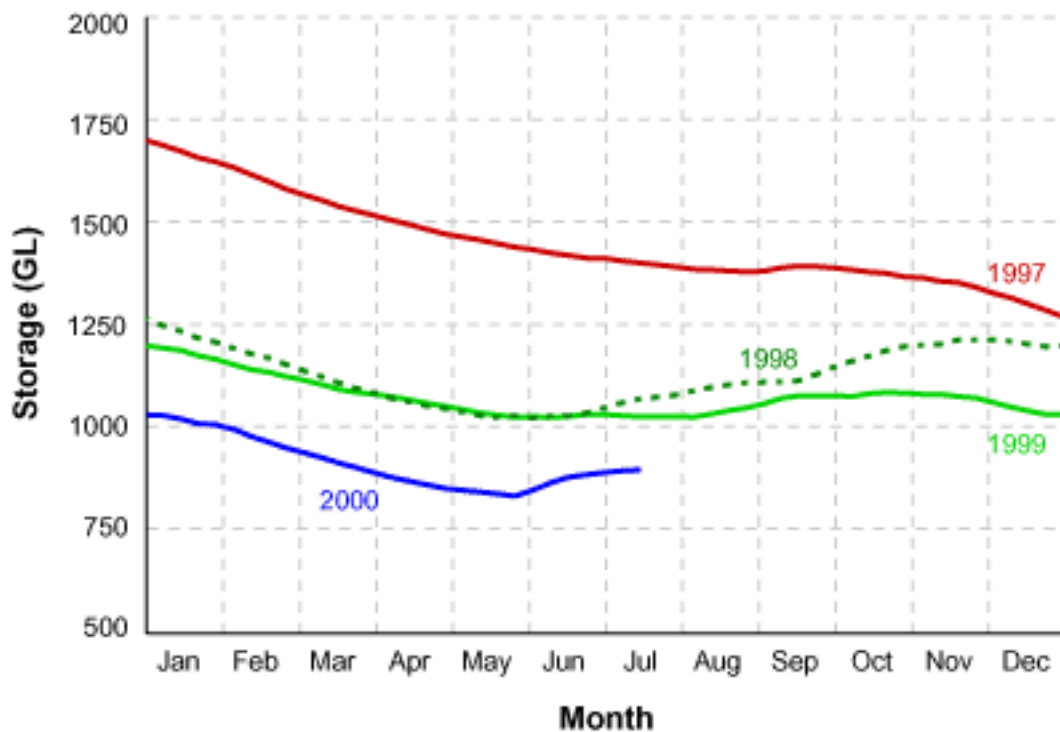
"We also need the community to conserve water as consumption remains disappointingly high.

"For the week 12 July to 19 July 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,879 megalitres, the second highest since 1985. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 7,479 megalitres."

MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	444,992	41.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	99,267	49.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,178	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	14,749	67.0
Winneke	96,000	66,324	69.1
Yan Yean	30,000	26,335	87.8
Greenvale	27,000	24,100	89.3
Silvan	40,000	35,095	87.7
Cardinia	287,000	176,298	61.4
Devil Bend	14,500	9,348	64.5
TOTAL	1,787,500	899,685	50.3

Water System Storage



RAINFALL

Catchment	14-20 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4.2mm	21.5mm	80.5% below	21.4mm
Upper Yarra	18.8mm	23.5mm	20.0% below	23.6mm
O'Shannassy	35.8mm	34.1mm	5.0% above	28.8mm
Maroondah	23.2mm	19.9mm	16.6% above	6.2mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	14-20 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	3,043 MI	5,550 MI	45.2% below	2,464 MI
Upper Yarra	1,790 MI	4,090 MI	56.2% below	480 MI
O'Shannassy	1,683 MI	2,490 MI	32.4% below	1,055 MI
Maroondah	1,534 MI	2,020 MI	24.1% below	1,123 MI
Total	8,050 MI	14,150 MI	43.1% below	5,122 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

Issued 28 July 2000

DEMONS JOIN WATER CONSERVATION FIGHT

Melbourne FC players have taken time out from their preparations for the AFL finals to take part in a water conservation advertising campaign.

The theme of the Melbourne Water campaign, which consists of three television advertisements, is the need for people to take shorter showers as the drought continues.

The advertisements feature muddied Demon players Jeff Farmer, Jeff White and Shane Woewodin and run from THIS SUNDAY, 30 July, until after the Grand Final.

Melbourne Water Managing Director Brian Bayley said that the advertising campaign was part of the ongoing campaign to encourage greater awareness of the need to conserve water - even in the cooler, winter months.

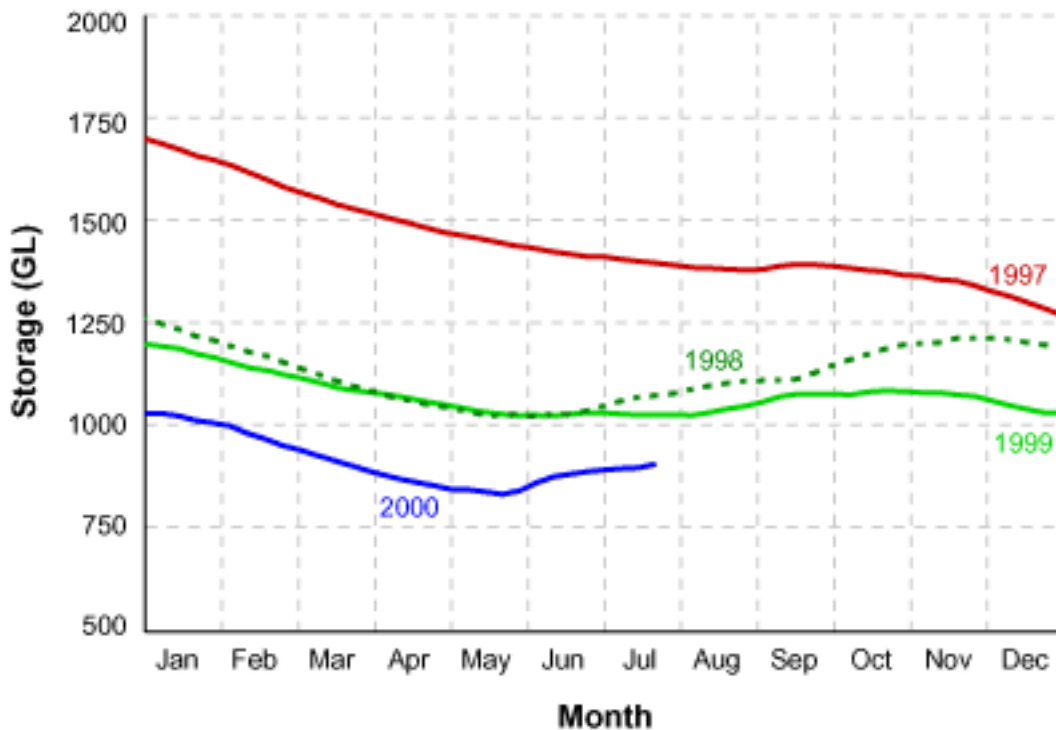
"As everyone is aware, we have had rainfall again this week. However, after three years of drought conditions, we are a long way from being able to say that we don't need to conserve our available water supplies."

MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 908,697 megalitres and is 50.9% full. This is an increase of 9,012 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.6% full.

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	450,865	42.2
Upper Yarra	200,000	98,057	49.0
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,192	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	15,619	71.0
Winneke	96,000	67,607	70.4
Yan Yean	30,000	26,335	87.8
Greenvale	27,000	24,568	91.0
Silvan	40,000	37,024	92.6
Cardinia	287,000	176,114	61.4
Devil Bend	14,500	9,585	66.1
TOTAL	1,787,500	908,697	50.9

Water System Storage



RAINFALL

Catchment	21-27 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	52.8mm	25.6mm	106.3% above	11.8mm
Upper Yarra	57.7mm	22.3mm	158.7% above	15.6mm
O'Shannassy	69.8mm	31.3mm	123.0% above	23.2mm
Maroondah	41.0mm	16.8mm	144.0% above	15.3mm

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	21-27 Jun	Long Term Average*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7,425 MI	6,400 MI	16.0% above	3,605 MI
Upper Yarra	2,895 MI	4,380 MI	33.9% below	1,750 MI
O'Shannassy	2,807 MI	2,700 MI	4.0% above	1,782 MI
Maroondah	2,370 MI	2,010 MI	17.9% above	1,648 MI
Total	15,497 MI	15,490 MI	0.0% above	8,785 MI

*Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

CONSUMPTION

For the week 20 July 2000 to 26 July 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,777 megalitres. This was the seventh highest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,114 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 7,890 megalitres.

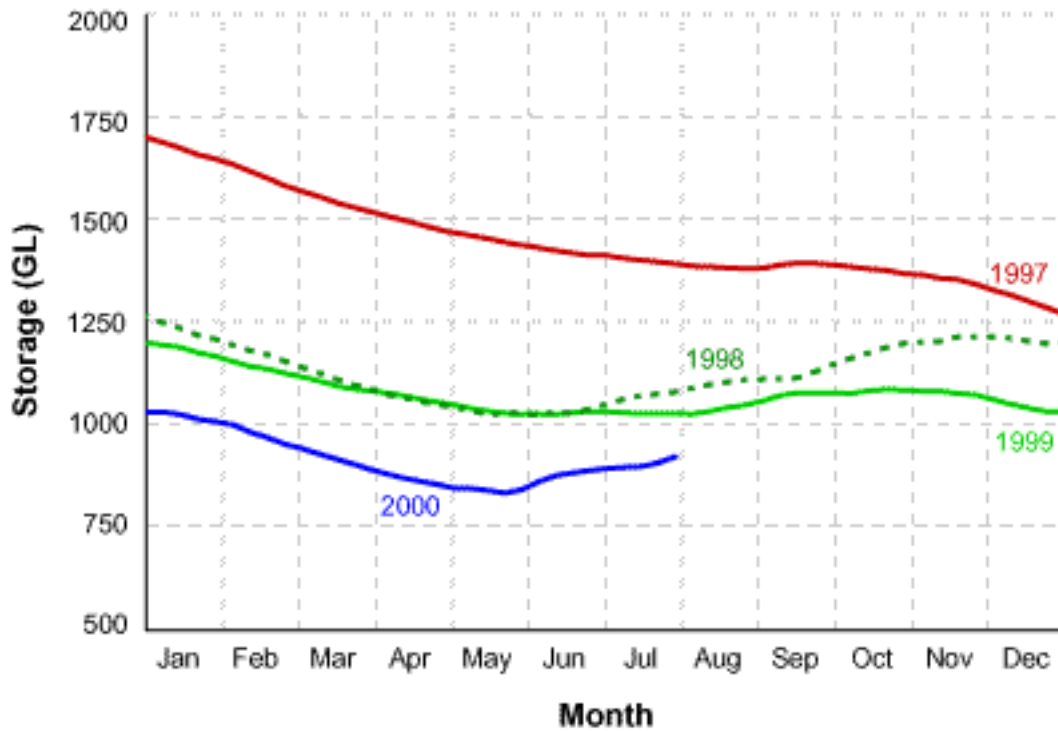
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SLIGHT INCREASE IN MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE BUT STILL WELL DOWN ON LAST YEAR.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 923,893 megalitres and is 51.7 per cent full. This is an increase of 15,196 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year, the water system storage was 57.5 per cent full.

WATER STORAGE

Water Storage Data			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	458,281	42.9
Upper Yarra	200,000	102,774	51.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,165	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	17,577	79.9
Sugarloaf	96,000	68,907	71.8
Yan Yean	30,000	26,386	88.0
Greenvale	27,000	24,990	92.6
Silvan	40,000	35,931	89.8
Cardinia	287,000	176,206	61.4
Devil Bend	14,500	9,676	66.7
TOTAL	1,787,500	923,893	51.7



RAINFALL

Catchment	28 Jul - 03 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	8.2 mm	28.3 mm	71.0 % below	6.8 mm
Upper Yarra	7.6 mm	31.0 mm	75.5 % below	18.6 mm
O'Shannassy	6.0 mm	38.9 mm	91.3 % below	19.8 mm
Maroondah	8.6 mm	32.4 mm	73.5 % below	17.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	28 Jul - 03 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	8,083 MI	6,850 MI	18.0 % above	2,442 MI
Upper Yarra	5,594 MI	5,120 MI	9.3 % above	1,333 MI
O'Shannassy	2,813 MI	2,920 MI	3.7 % below	1,215 MI
Maroondah	2,483 MI	2,580 MI	3.8 % below	1,289 MI
Total	18,973 MI	17,470 MI	8.6 % above	6,279 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

11 August

2000 HIGH WATER USE PROMPTS MELBOURNE WATER TO SET CONSUMPTION TARGET

For the week 3 August 2000 to 9 August 2000, inclusive, Melburnians used 8,229 megalitres of water - **the second highest amount since 1985**. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,328 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,027 megalitres.

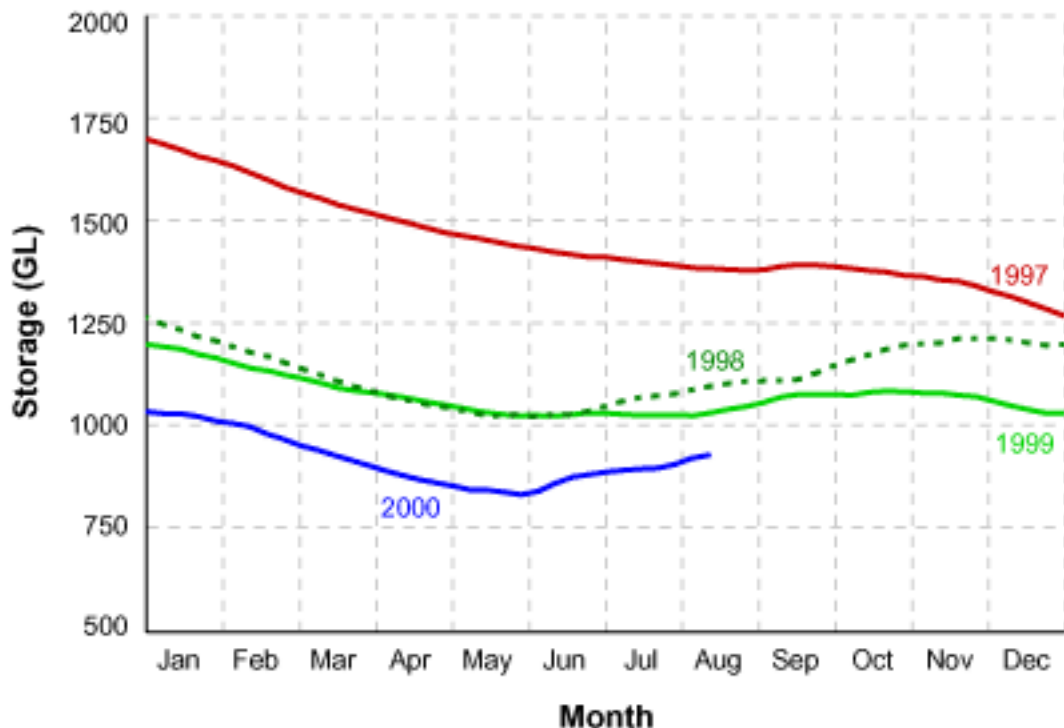
From now on Melbourne Water will therefore publish a weekly consumption target. The target takes into account seasonal factors and savings that could be made from using water more efficiently.

The target for the next seven days is a total of 7,880 ML.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 931,242 megalitres and is 52.1% full. This is an **increase** of 7,349 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 57.6% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	462,122	43.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	105,103	52.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,189	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	18,498	84.1
Winneke	96,000	70,091	73.0
Yan Yean	30,000	26,131	87.1
Greenvale	27,000	25,297	93.7
Silvan	40,000	35,095	87.7
Cardinia	287,000	175,838	61.3
Devil Bend	14,500	9,876	68.1
TOTAL	1,787,500	931,242	52.1



RAINFALL

Catchment	04 Aug - 10 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	14.2 mm	27.3 mm	48.0 % below	17.8 mm
Upper Yarra	21.2 mm	32.0 mm	33.8 % below	44.6 mm
O'Shannassy	40.4 mm	40.4 mm	0.0 % below	58.0 mm
Maroondah	17.8 mm	27.6 mm	35.5 % below	40.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	04 Aug - 11 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,984 MI	8,070 MI	38.2 % below	3,493 MI
Upper Yarra	3,980 MI	5,980 MI	33.4 % below	1,954 MI
O'Shannassy	2,595 MI	3,250 MI	20.2 % below	1,898 MI
Maroondah	2,105 MI	2,650 MI	20.6 % below	1,929 MI
Total	13,664 MI	19,950 MI	31.5 % below	9,274 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

18 August 2000

WATER SAVING TIPS FROM MELBOURNE WATER

Melbourne Water has developed some simple ways that could save millions of litres of water. The average volume of water used daily in Melbourne during August is 1,100 million litres

If every Melburnian cut their showering time by just 2 minutes each day, we could save about 560 million litres of water each week.

If everybody uses a glass of water to brush their teeth each time rather than leaving the tap running, we could save about 90 million litres of water in just one week.

The total amount of water saved every week from these initiatives is about 650 million litres, enough to fill the MCG to the top of the Great Southern Stand or about half a winter's day average consumption

GOOD RESULT ON WATER USE

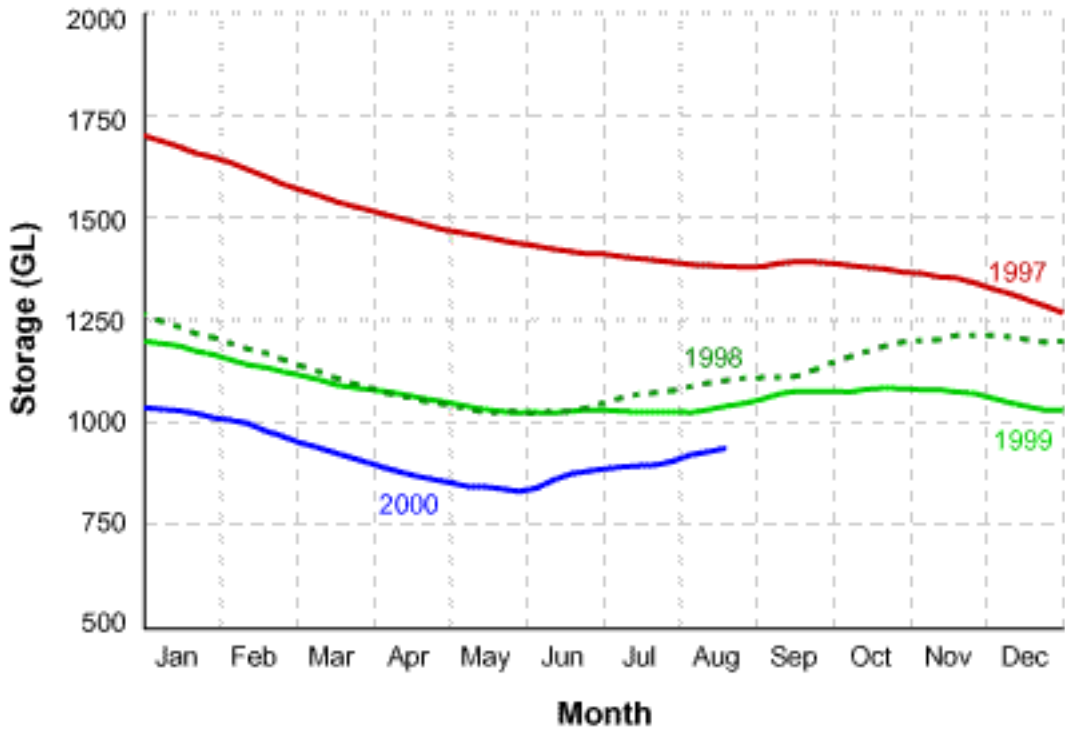
For the week 10 August 2000 to 16 August 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,685 million litres. This was less than Melbourne Water's target of 7,880 million litres.

WATER STORAGE

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 939,719 megalitres and is 52.6% full. This is an **increase** of 8,477 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.1% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	466,540	43.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	107,076	53.5
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,175	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	19,294	87.7
Winneke	96,000	71,312	74.3
Yan Yean	30,000	25,876	86.3
Greenvale	27,000	25,673	95.1
Silvan	40,000	34,786	87.0
Cardinia	287,000	175,838	61.3
Devil Bend	14,500	10,149	70.0
TOTAL	1,787,500	939,719	52.6



PLEASE NOTE: 1 ML IS 1 MILLION LITRES - 1 GL IS A 1,000 MILLION LITRES

RAINFALL

Catchment	11 Aug - 17 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	12.8 mm	30.0 mm	57.3 % below	26.8 mm
Upper Yarra	21.8 mm	33.0 mm	33.9 % below	28.0 mm
O'Shannassy	35.4 mm	41.6 mm	14.9 % below	29.0 mm
Maroondah	24.6 mm	30.0 mm	18.0 % below	21.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	11 Aug - 18 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	5,550 MI	9,060 MI	38.7 % below	6,483 MI
Upper Yarra	3,821 MI	6,950 MI	45.0 % below	3,893 MI
O'Shannassy	2,750 MI	3,620 MI	24.0 % below	2,325 MI
Maroondah	2,362 MI	2,870 MI	17.7 % below	2,289 MI
Total	14,483 MI	22,500 MI	35.6 % below	14,990 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

25 August 2000

LITTLE RAIN IN MELBOURNE'S WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENTS

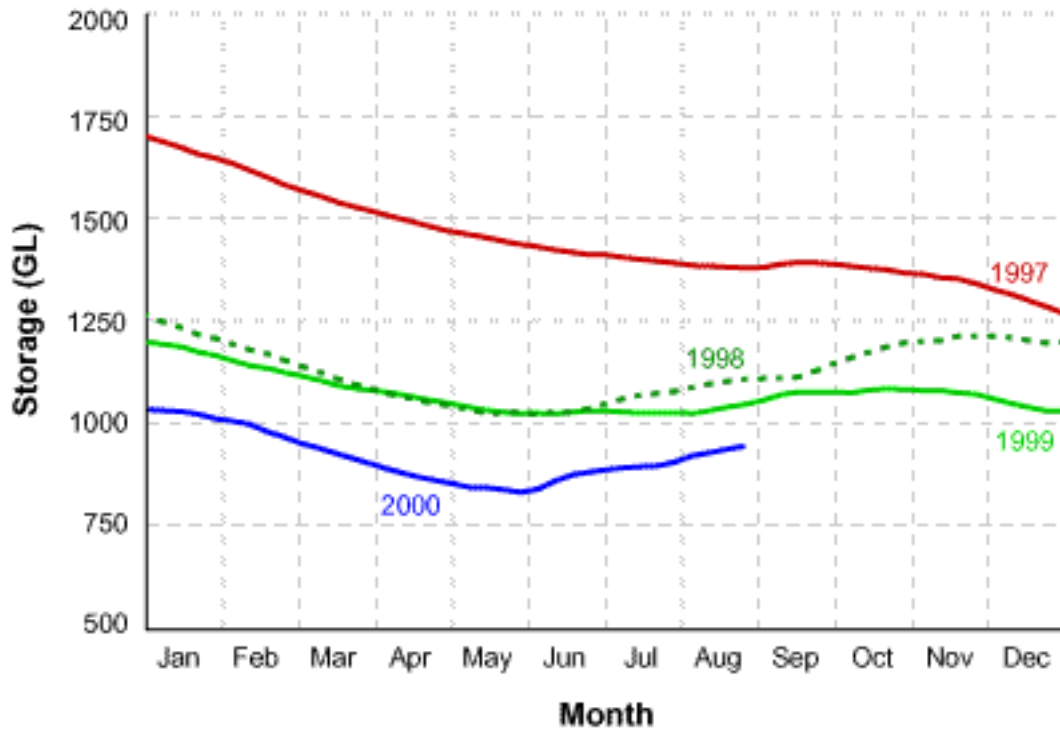
Melbourne's water supply catchments received only low rainfall last week, with inflows to the major storage reservoirs being 39% below average. Unless good rainfall is received over the coming week, August rainfall totals will remain well below average.

Significant spring rains are required to further replenish Melbourne's water supplies before summer starts.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 946,446 megalitres and is 52.9% full. This is an **increase** of 6,727 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.5% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	470,038	44.0
Upper Yarra	200,000	108,899	54.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,165	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	19,914	90.5
Winneke	96,000	72,439	75.5
Yan Yean	30,000	25,672	85.6
Greenvale	27,000	25,983	96.2
Silvan	40,000	34,507	86.3
Cardinia	287,000	175,472	61.1
Devil Bend	14,500	10,356	71.4
TOTAL	1,787,500	946,446	52.9



RAINFALL

Catchment	18 Aug - 24 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	12.4 mm	21.9 mm	43.4 % below	16.8 mm
Upper Yarra	11.8 mm	28.4 mm	58.5 % below	20.0 mm
O'Shannassy	14.0 mm	37.3 mm	62.5 % below	31.4 mm
Maroondah	21.8 mm	24.1 mm	9.5 % below	7.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

CONSUMPTION

For the week 17 August to 23 August 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,865 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 8,028 megalitres.

WEEKLY WATER TIP

Using a running hose to wash your car can waste about 400 litres of water. If you use a bucket and sponge you will only use about 50 litres of water

1 September 2000

STORAGE LEVELS SLOWLY ON THE RISE

Melbourne's water users can greet the onset of spring knowing that water storage levels have increased in the past month due to the wetter catchments producing more runoff.

However, total rainfall figures have remained below average for the month of August.

Heavy localised rain in Maroondah catchment this week could mean that water will flow over the spillway of this small storage reservoir this weekend, or earlier, if heavy rain falls in the catchment.

It is not unusual for water to flow over the Maroondah spillway, although this would be the first time since November 1998.

Maroondah reservoir makes up only 1.2 per cent of Melbourne's total storage capacity.

Rainfall for the majority of Melbourne's water storages has been below average for the month of August, meaning that significant spring rains are still required to further replenish Melbourne's water supplies before summer begins.

Melbourne's water storage currently holds 959,005 megalitres and is 53.7% full. This is an increase of 12,559 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.1% full.

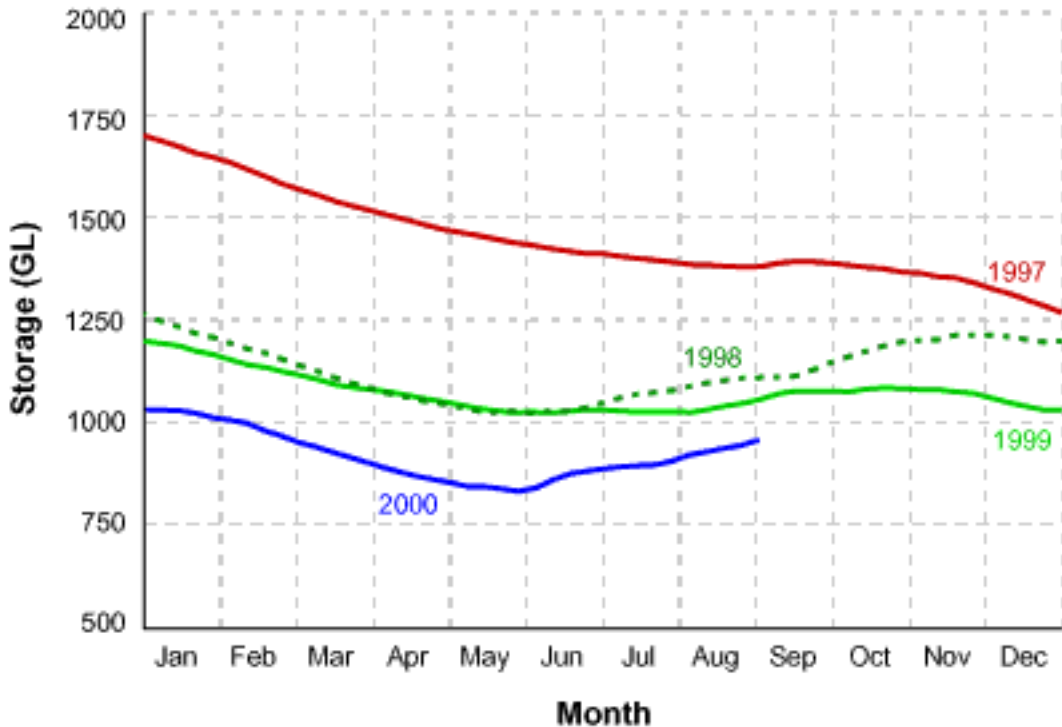
The trigger point for *Stage 1 water restrictions to be introduced during September is 50 per cent of water system storage capacity.

*Stage 1 restrictions:

Doesn't affect water usage inside the home, but would require sprinklers and watering systems only being used between 11pm and 7 am. Hand-held hoses could be used at any time. Cars would need to be washed using a bucket or watering can filled directly from a tap.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)
Thomson	1,068,000	475,958
Upper Yarra	200,000	111,971
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,200
Maroondah	22,000	21,462
Winneke	96,000	73,666
Yan Yean	30,000	25,723
Greenvale	27,000	26,208
Silvan	40,000	34,724
Cardinia	287,000	175,563
Devil Bend	14,500	10,531
TOTAL	1,787,500	959,005



RAINFALL

Catchment	25 Aug - 31 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	19.8 mm	17.2 mm	15.1 % above	27.0 mm
Upper Yarra	38.4 mm	23.6 mm	62.7 % above	27.6 mm
O'Shannassy	38.8 mm	30.0 mm	29.3 % above	20.2 mm
Maroondah	45.6 mm	23.4 mm	94.9 % above	51.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	25 Aug - 31 Aug	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	6,956 MI	8,310 MI	16.3 % below	6,155 MI
Upper Yarra	4,927 MI	6,680 MI	26.2 % below	3,904 MI
O'Shannassy	3,256 MI	3,530 MI	7.8 % below	2,006 MI
Maroondah	3,121 MI	2,590 MI	20.5 % above	2,111 MI
Total	18,260 MI	21,110 MI	13.5 % below	14,176 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

CONSUMPTION

For the week 24 August 2000 to 30 August 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,689 megalitres. This was the ninth highest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,866 megalitres recorded in 1994. Consumption for the same period last year was 7,949 megalitres

CONSUMPTION

Year	Weekly Consumption (ML)
1994	8,866
1998	8,678
1993	8,550
1997	8,162
1995	8,021
1999	7,949
1990	7,788
1992	7,708
2000	7,689

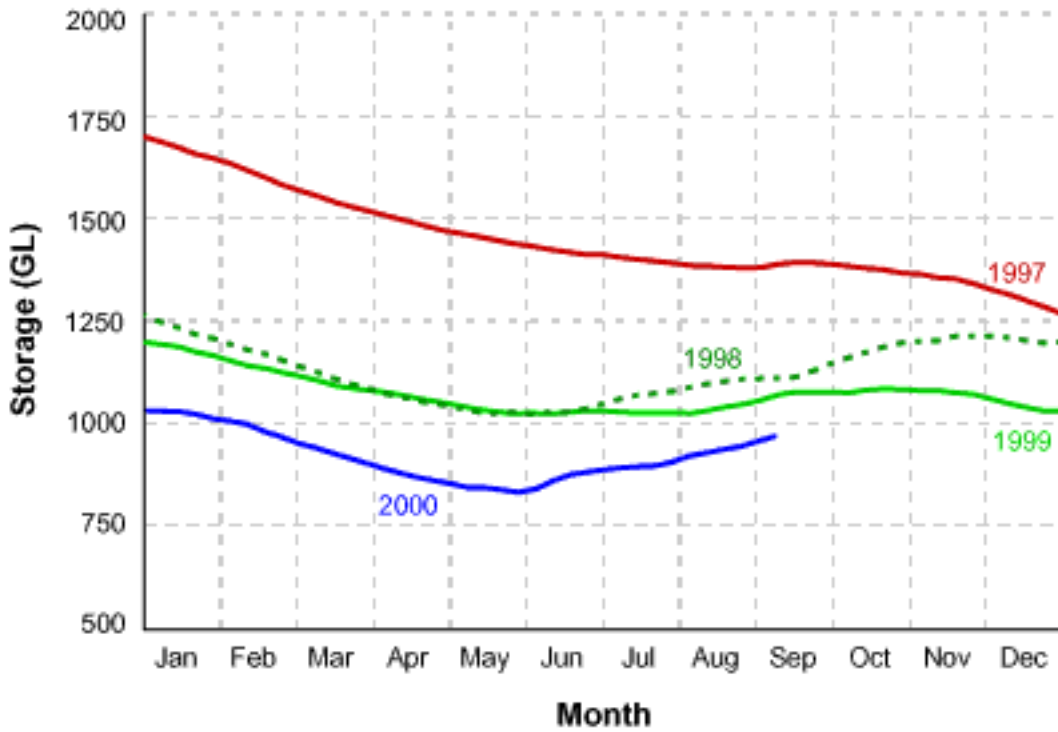
8 September 2000

SLIGHT INCREASE IN MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE BUT STILL BELOW LAST YEAR

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 971,058 megalitres and are 54.3% full. This is an increase of 12,053 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.7% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	481,681	
Upper Yarra	200,000	115,218	
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,189	
Maroondah	22,000	22,379	
Sugarloaf	96,000	74,893	
Yan Yean	30,000	25,468	
Greenvale	27,000	26,242	
Silvan	40,000	35,405	
Cardinia	287,000	175,838	
Devil Bend	14,500	10,744	
TOTAL	1,787,500	971,058	54.3



RAINFALL

Catchment	01 Sep - 07 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	21.4 mm	26.2 mm	18.3 % below	42.0 mm
Upper Yarra	24.8 mm	30.4 mm	18.4 % below	61.8mm
O'Shannassy	44.2 mm	38.6 mm	14.5 % above	67.6 mm
Maroondah	22.4 mm	24.9 mm	10.0 % below	38.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	01 Sep - 07 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	6,618 MI	8,370 MI	20.9 % below	7,938 MI
Upper Yarra	4,995 MI	6,620 MI	24.5 % below	4,454 MI
O'Shannassy	3,511 MI	3,610 MI	2.7 % below	2,655 MI
Maroondah	3,313 MI	2,560 MI	29.4 % above	2,181 MI
Total	18,437 MI	21,160 MI	12.9 % below	17,228 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

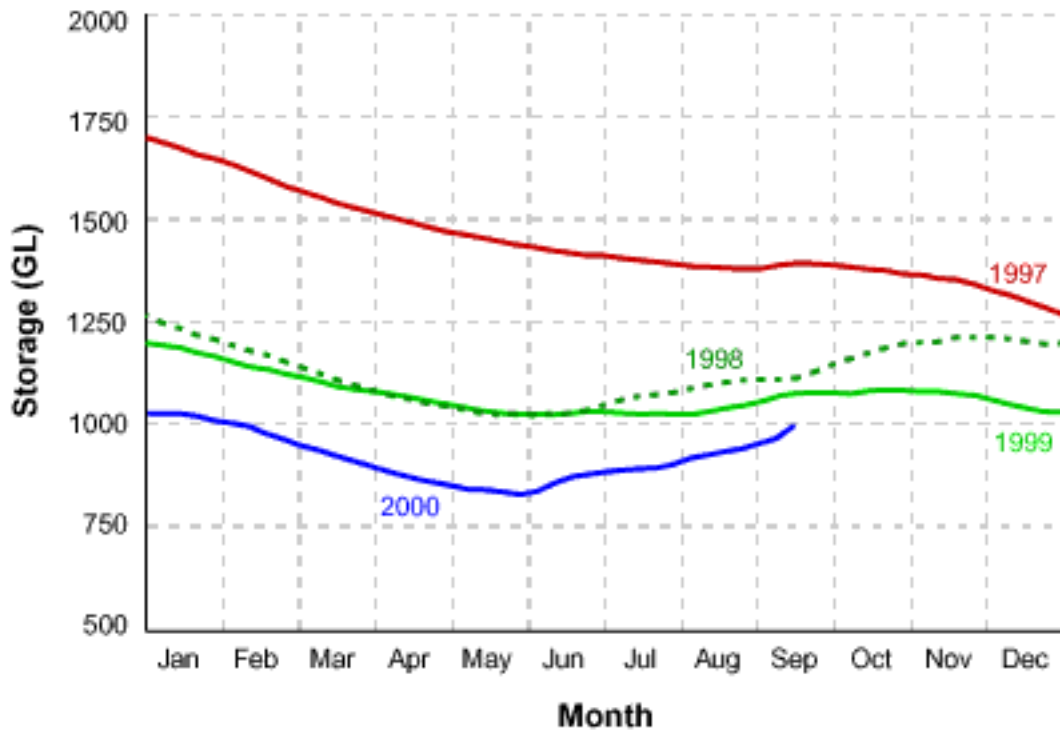
CONSUMPTION

For the week 30 August 2000 to 6 September 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,688 megalitres. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,026 megalitres.

15 September 2000

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,000,450 megalitres and are 56.0% full. This is an increase of 29,392 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.2% full.

Water Storage Data			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	497,353	
Upper Yarra	200,000	125,415	
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,272	
Maroondah	22,000	22,640	
Sugarloaf	96,000	76,286	
Yan Yean	30,000	25,570	
Greenvale	27,000	26,259	
Silvan	40,000	36,723	
Cardinia	287,000	175,838	
Devil Bend	14,500	11,094	
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,000,450	56.0



STREAMFLOW

Catchment	8 Sep - 14 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	16,195 MI	8,240 MI	96.5 % above	6,805 MI
Upper Yarra	11,302 MI	6,100 MI	85.3 % above	4,528 MI
O'Shannassy	8,236 MI	3,580 MI	130.1 % above	2,143 MI
Maroondah	7,272 MI	2,430 MI	199.3 % above	1,681 MI
Total	40,005 MI	20,350 MI	111.3 % above	15,157 MI

RAINFALL

Catchment	8 Sep - 14 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	36.8 mm	36.3 mm	1.4 % above	0.3 mm
Upper Yarra	69.2 mm	32.7 mm	111.6 % above	0.6 mm
O'Shannassy	107.2 mm	42.2 mm	154.0 % above	0.6 mm
Maroondah	52.8 mm	28.6 mm	84.6 % above	2.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

Consumption

For the week 7 September 2000 to 13 September 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,602 megalitres. This was the tenth highest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 8,804 megalitres recorded in 1994. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,391 megalitres.

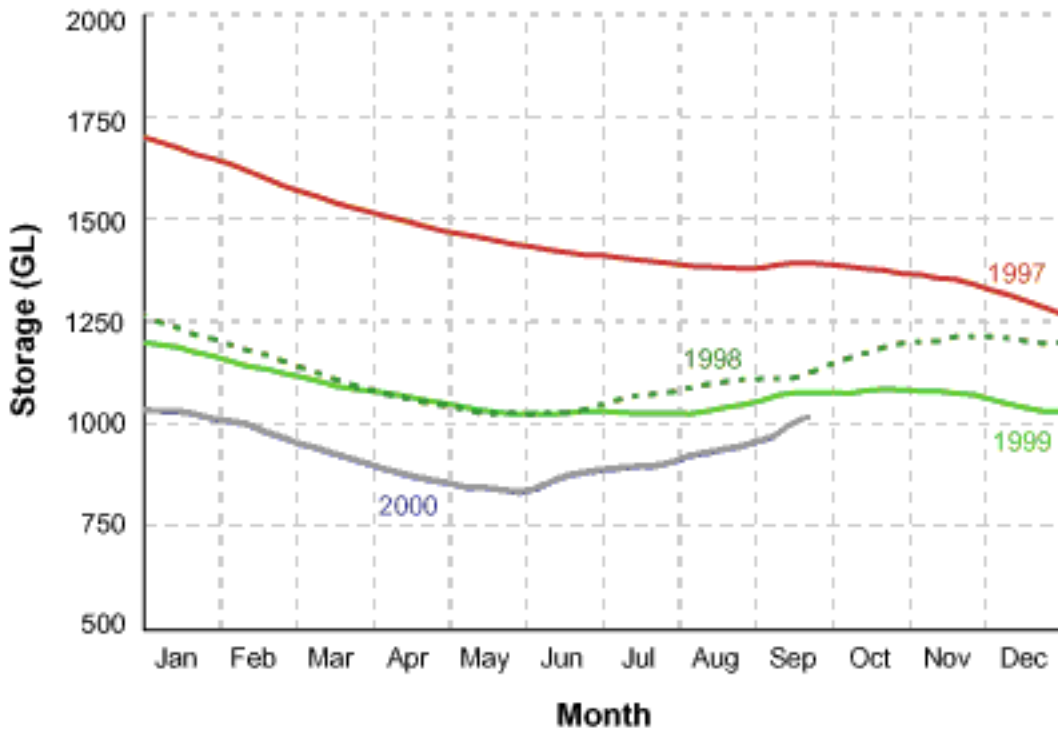
22 September 2000

HEALTHIER STREAM FLOWS

Good rainfall earlier this month has resulted in continuing high flows of water in the streams feeding Melbourne's storage reservoirs. Despite low rainfall over the past week, streamflow is the 5th highest for 30 years, and has helped to increase the water storage capacity overall by nearly one percent. However, the capacity of Melbourne's largest reservoir, the Thomson, remains below 50 per cent. Without good follow up rainfall, the catchments will begin to dry out quickly and streamflows will decrease rapidly. Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,017,750 megalitres and are 56.9% full. This is an increase of 17,300 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.4% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	506,252	47.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	132,896	66.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,208	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,420	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	76,440	80.7
Yan Yean	30,000	25,417	84.7
Greenvale	27,000	26,122	96.7
Silvan	40,000	35,838	89.6
Cardinia	287,000	176,905	61.6
Devil Bend	14,500	11,252	77.6
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,017,750	56.9



RAINFALL

Catchment	15 Sep - 21 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	8.4 mm	37.5 mm	77.6 % below	11.6 mm
Upper Yarra	8.6 mm	29.3 mm	70.6 % below	15.8 mm
O'Shannassy	11.2 mm	36.6 mm	69.4 % below	28.0 mm
Maroondah	11.5 mm	31.4 mm	63.4 % below	11.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW

Catchment	15 Sep - 21 Sep	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	9,413 MI	11,180 MI	15.8 % below	3,750 MI
Upper Yarra	8,297 MI	7,510 MI	10.5 % above	2,913 MI
O'Shannassy	5,267 MI	3,640 MI	44.7 % above	1,982 MI
Maroondah	4,479 MI	2,800 MI	60.0 % above	1,626 MI
Total	27,456 MI	25,130 MI	9.3 % above	10,271 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

5 October 2000

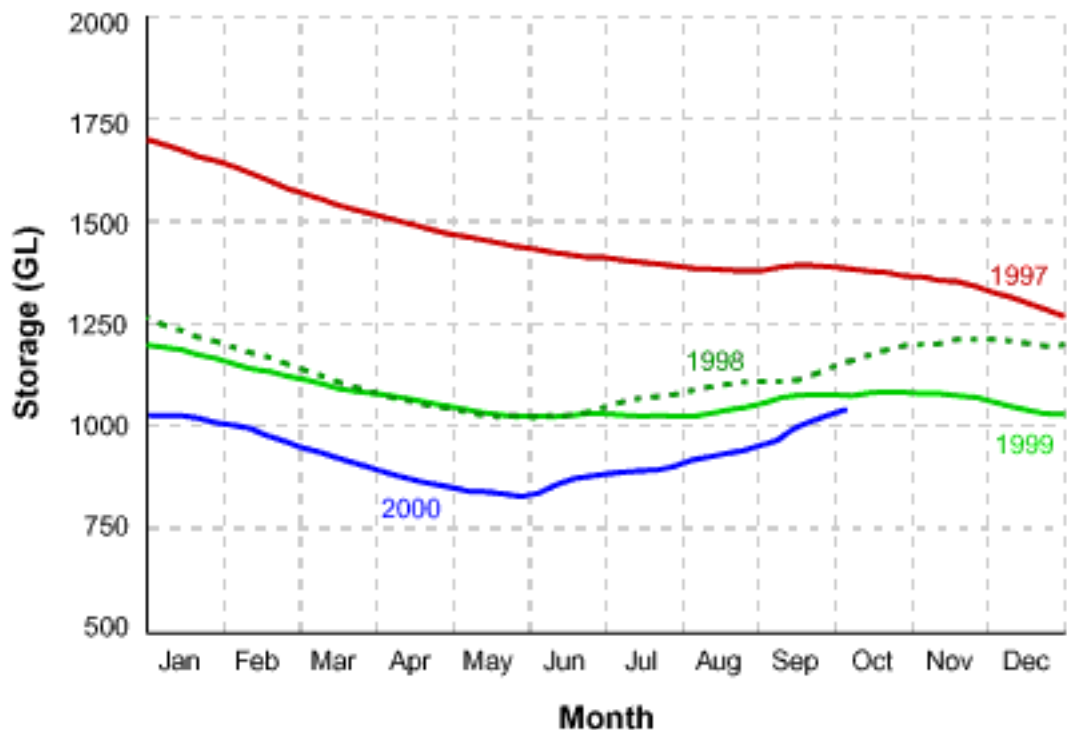
SLIGHT INCREASE IN WATER STORAGE - CONSUMPTION FALLS

Melbourne's water system storage for week ending 5 October 2000 was 1,045,951 megalitres (58.5 % full).

This is an **increase** of 13,622 megalitres since last week (28 September 2000). The **increase** represents 0.76 percent of total system storage.

For the same time last year (5 October 1999) Melbourne's water system storage was 1,078,530 megalitres (60.3 % full).

Water Storage Data			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	524,631	49.1
Upper Yarra	200,000	141,288	70.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,181	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,299	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	79,833	83.2
Yan Yean	30,000	25,063	83.5
Greenvale	27,000	26,018	96.4
Silvan	40,000	34,909	87.3
Cardinia	287,000	177,311	61.8
Devil Bend	14,500	11,418	78.7
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,045,951	58.5



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	29 Sep - 05 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	15.8 mm	23.0 mm	31.3 % below	26.2 mm
Upper Yarra	20.0 mm	26.0 mm	23.1 % below	27.4 mm
O'Shannassy	25.2 mm	31.9 mm	21.0 % below	31.2 mm
Maroondah	16.6 mm	25.3 mm	34.4 % below	30.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	29 Sep - 5 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	10,032 MI	8,000 MI	25.4 % above	3,128 MI
Upper Yarra	4,953 MI	5,850 MI	15.3 % below	1,774 MI
O'Shannassy	3,412 MI	3,410 MI	0.1 % above	1,704 MI
Maroondah	2,828 MI	2,390 MI	18.3 % above	1,486 MI
Total	21,225 MI	19,650 MI	8.0 % above	8,092 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 28 September 2000 to 4 October 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,970 megalitres. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 9,144 megalitres recorded in 1997. Consumption for the same period last year was 8,837 megalitres.

13 October 2000

BUY WATER WISE PLANTS THIS SPRING

Although Melbourne's overall water storage continued to increase slightly, the largest water storage, the Thomson reservoir, remains less than half full.

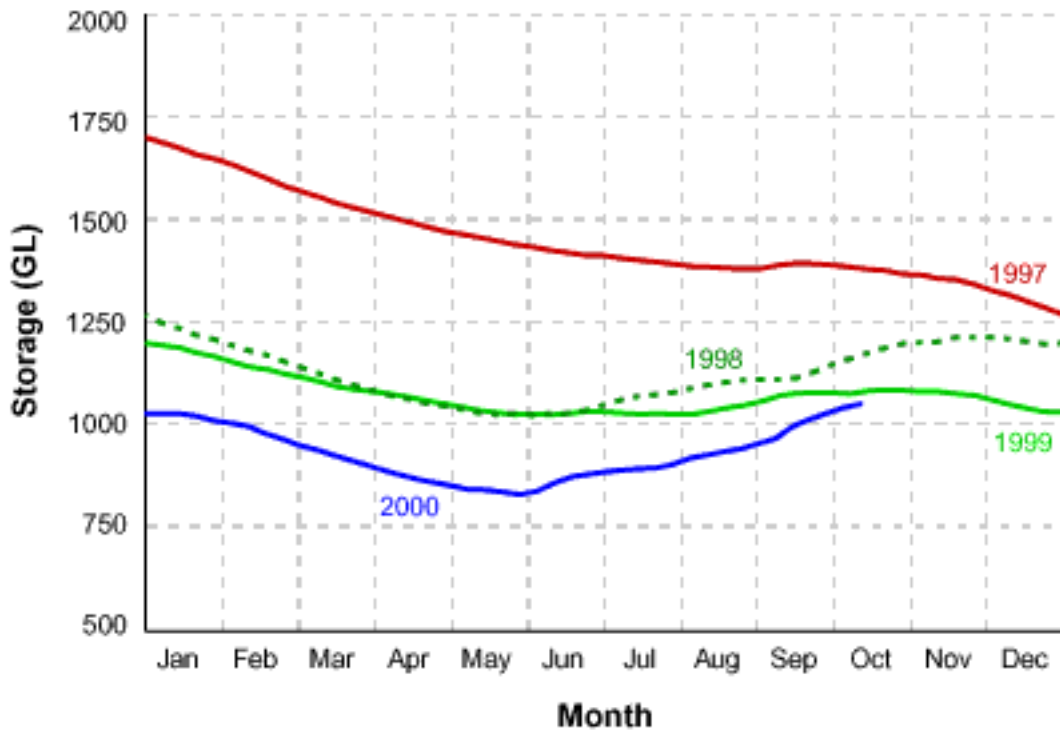
Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley said that people should not become complacent about water use and that Spring provided a real opportunity to plan ahead to conserve water.

"As Spring is the time when we are out buying plants for the garden, give some thought to how much water plants need. There are many, particularly indigenous species, that don't need a lot of water."

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,055,511 megalitres and are 59.1% full. This is an increase of 9,560 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.5% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	530,340	49.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	144,164	72.0
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,167	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,279	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	82,537	86.0
Yan Yean	30,000	24,613	82.0
Greenvale	27,000	25,880	95.9
Silvan	40,000	34,112	85.3
Cardinia	287,000	176,896	61.6
Devil Bend	14,500	11,522	79.5
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,055,511	59.1



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	06 Oct - 12 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	10.8 mm	27.5 mm	60.7 % below	43.2 mm
Upper Yarra	14.0 mm	27.5 mm	49.1 % below	67.4 mm
O'Shannassy	17.4 mm	33.9 mm	48.7 % below	62.0 mm
Maroondah	12.0 mm	27.3 mm	56.0 % below	57.4 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	06 Oct - 12 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	6,274 MI	7,690 MI	18.4 % below	4,309 MI
Upper Yarra	3,950 MI	5,180 MI	23.7 % below	2,170 MI
O'Shannassy	2,829 MI	3,210 MI	11.9 % below	2,053 MI
Maroondah	2,405 MI	2,340 MI	2.8 % above	1,641 MI
Total	15,458 MI	18,420 MI	16.1 % below	10,173 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 05 October 2000 to 11 October 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,374 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 9,471 megalitres.

Friday, 20 October 2000

A GRADUAL RISE FOR MELBOURNE'S WATER STORAGE

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley said today that it was pleasing to see a gradual rise in Melbourne's water storage.

"It's good to see that spring rainfall is having an impact on our water supply catchments.

"The soil is now moist which allows good runoff into our reservoirs.

"However I would encourage the community to continue to respect water and not waste it.

"Water is a finite resource and through sensible water use we can conserve it for the future.

"It's great to see that water consumption is well down on last year," Mr Bayley said.

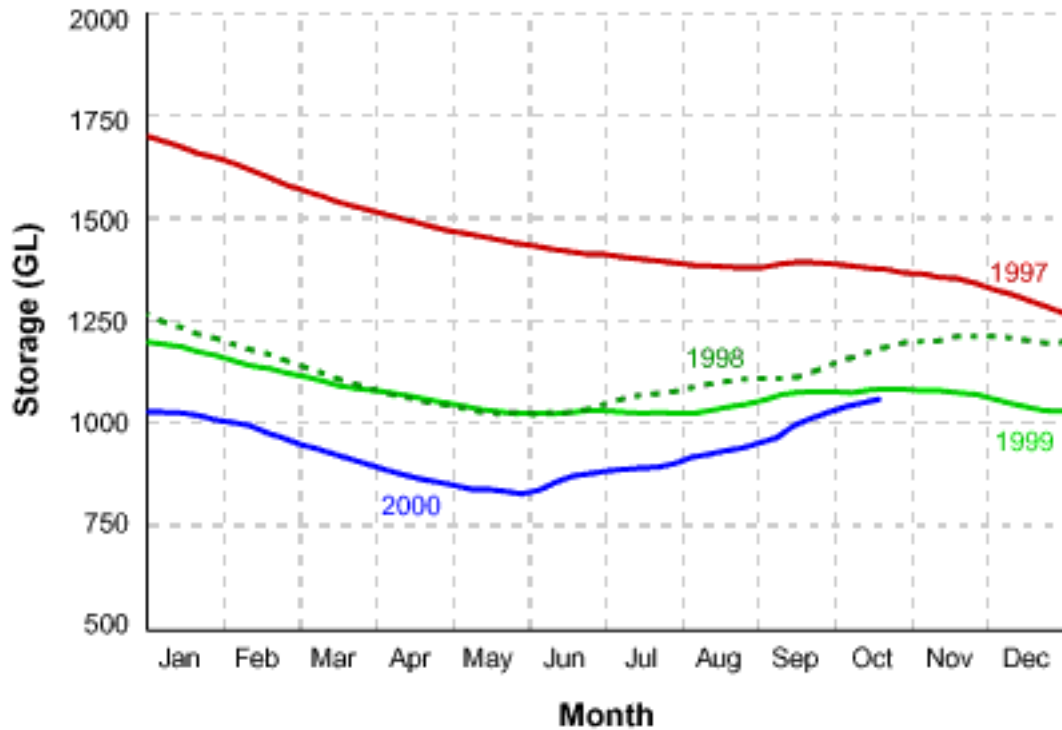
Water system storage for week ending 19 October 2000 was 1,064,530 megalitres (59.6 % full). This is an increase of 9,019 megalitres since last week (12 October 2000). The increase represents 0.50 percent of total system storage. For the same time last year (19 October 1999) water system storage was 1,085,490 megalitres (60.7 % full).

For the week 12 October 2000 to 18 October 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,130 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 8,562 megalitres.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	535,229	50.1
Upper Yarra	200,000	146,957	73.5
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,175	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,339	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	84,638	88.2
Yan Yean	30,000	24,313	81.0
Greenvale	27,000	25,880	95.9

Silvan	40,000	33,146	82.9
Cardinia	287,000	177,311	61.8
Devil Bend	14,500	11,543	79.6
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,064,530	59.6



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	13 Oct - 19 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	29.6 mm	25.9 mm	14.3 % above	3.2 mm
Upper Yarra	39.2 mm	26.3 mm	49.0 % above	9.6 mm
O'Shannassy	50.6 mm	32.1 mm	57.6 % above	10.6 mm
Maroondah	30.7 mm	26.5 mm	15.8 % above	4.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	13 Oct - 19 Oct	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	5,552 MI	7,190 MI	22.8 % below	4,245 MI
Upper Yarra	3,604 MI	4,680 MI	23.0 % below	2,489 MI
O'Shannassy	2,994 MI	3,000 MI	0.2 % below	1,706 MI
Maroondah	2,630 MI	2,140 MI	22.9 % above	1,259 MI
Total	14,780 MI	17,010 MI	13.1 % below	9,699 MI

Wednesday, 25 October 2000

Statement from Brian Bayley, Managing Director, Melbourne Water

"While a lot of the latest rain has missed the catchments, recent falls have boosted supplies. We're now at about the same level we were this time last year, but the difference is that last year the storages were dry and falling.

This time they're actually wet and the storage levels are rising. It's pretty unlikely that we'll need restrictions later in the year."

For 24 hours to 8:00am on 25 October 2000

Total Melbourne Water Consumption: 1,058 ML

Rainfall for 24 hrs to 8:00am 25 October 2000

RAINFALL	(MM)
Wallaby Creek	49.0
Maroondah	34.8
O'Shannassy Dam	10.4
Upper Yarra	9.8
Silvan	15.0
Thomson	1.0
Mitcham	19.4
Preston	33.2

Water Supply Storages' in Megalitres at 8am on: 25 October 2000

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL	CHANGE (ML)
Thomson	1,068,000	541,745	50.7	1,013
Upper Yarra	200,000	149,448	74.7	399
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,189	100.0	13
Maroondah	22,000	22,580	100.0	221
Sugarloaf	96,000	86,978	90.6	534
Yan Yean	30,000	24,663	82.2	250
Greenvale	27,000	26,467	98.0	138
Silvan	40,000	32,492	81.2	-59
Cardinia	287,000	177,689	61.9	553
Devil Bend	14,500	11,668	80.5	42
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,076,919	60.2	3,104

Friday, 3 November 2000

DROUGHT NOT OVER YET

Further rain this week in the Melbourne metropolitan area has topped up the city's reservoirs but the drought is by no means over.

The rain this week and the forecast for the next few days means our catchments are better off than they were in Spring last year, but the effects of four years of drought cannot be cancelled by a few rainy days said Melbourne Water's Managing Director, Brian Bayley.

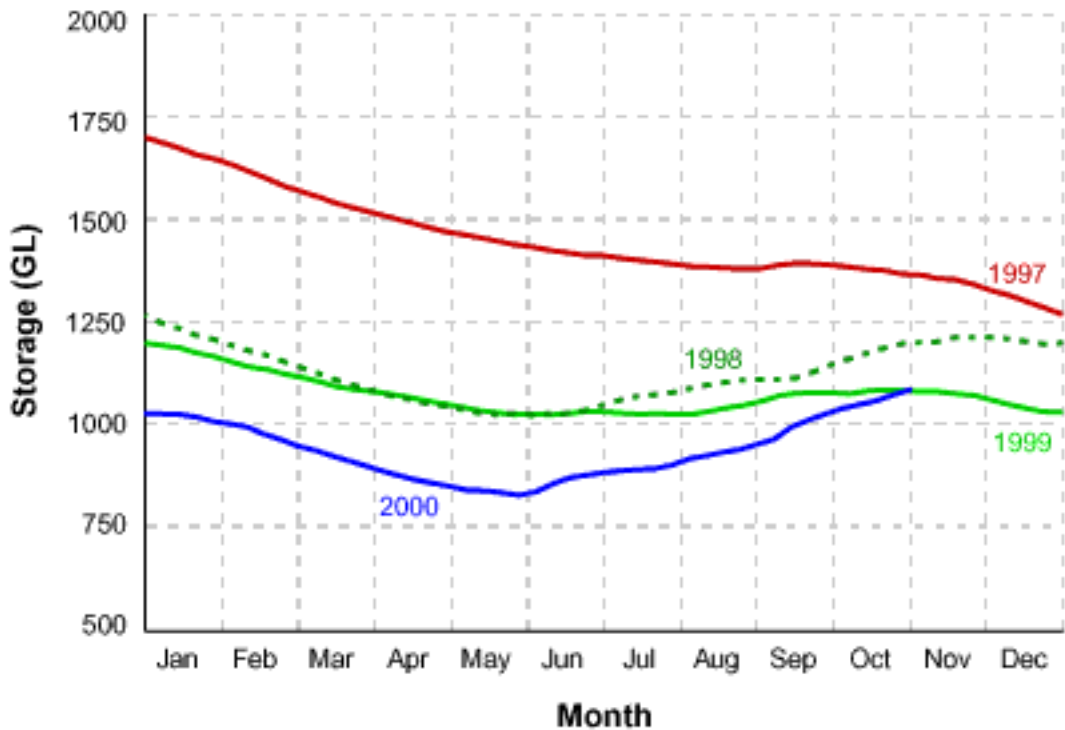
"Melburnians still need to conserve our precious water resources."

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,091,487 megalitres and are 61.1% full. This is an **increase** of 12,191 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.7% full.

An electronic copy of a map of Melbourne's reservoir system is available electronically by request.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	549,306	51.4
Upper Yarra	200,000	151,442	75.7
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,178	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,420	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	89,410	93.1
Yan Yean	30,000	25,163	83.9
Greenvale	27,000	26,397	97.8
Silvan	40,000	34,052	85.1
Cardinia	287,000	178,327	62.1
Devil Bend	14,500	11,792	81.3
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,091,487	61.1



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	27 Oct - 02 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	22.8 mm	15.2 mm	50.0 % above	6.2 mm
Upper Yarra	17.2 mm	18.4 mm	6.5 % below	7.4 mm
O'Shannassy	28.6 mm	21.0 mm	36.2 % above	14.0 mm
Maroondah	14.2 mm	21.8 mm	34.9 % below	8.2 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	27 Oct - 02 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7,097 MI	5,930 MI	19.7 % above	2,381 MI
Upper Yarra	4,763 MI	4,170 MI	14.2 % above	1,320 MI
O'Shannassy	2,892 MI	2,570 MI	12.5 % above	1,496 MI
Maroondah	3,919 MI	1,890 MI	107.4 % above	1,116 MI
Total	18,671 MI	14,560 MI	28.2 % above	6,313 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 26 October 2000 to 1 November 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 7,990 megalitres. This was lowest since 1985. The highest recorded consumption for the same period since 1985 was 11,660 megalitres recorded in 1987. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,086 megalitres.

Friday, 10 November 2000

WATER LEVELS UP BUT A LONG WAY TO GO

A further increase in Melbourne's water storage over the last week is good sign that our reserves are slowly building but there is a long way to go.

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley said that while Melbourne's water storage levels were gradually increasing, this trend would have to continue to get storage levels to a sustainable level.

It will take four to five years of average rainfall to fill the Thomson Dam which is Melbourne's largest reservoir.

"This means that we need to reduce water consumption to allow our water storage levels to recover in the shortest possible time."

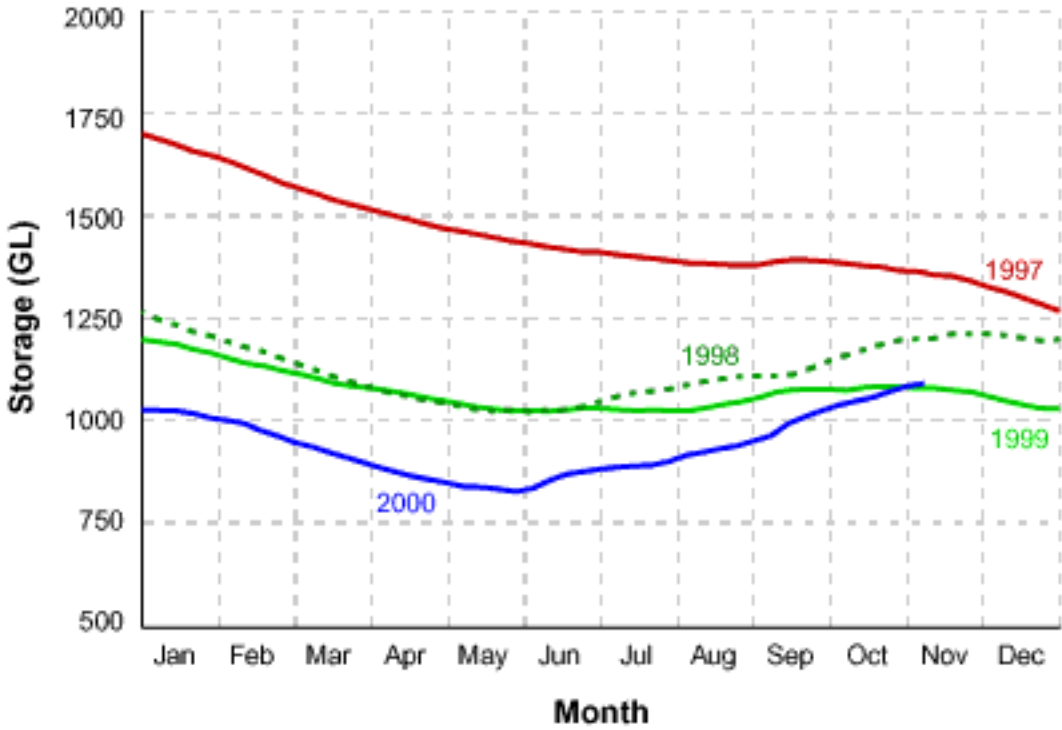
Water consumption in Melbourne has dropped significantly compared to the same period last year, with a reduction of 1281 megalitres. If this behaviour can continue to improve, Melbourne's water storages will be well placed for future dry periods.

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,098,455 megalitres and are 61.5% full. This is an increase of 6,968 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.6% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	553,422	51.8
Upper Yarra	200,000	150,552	75.3
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,154	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,339	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	90,932	94.7
Yan Yean	30,000	25,113	83.7
Greenvale	27,000	26,259	97.3
Silvan	40,000	36,533	91.3

Cardinia	287,000	178,419	62.2
Devil Bend	14,500	11,730	80.9
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,098,455	61.5



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	03 Nov - 09 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	7.4 mm	33.6 mm	78.0 % below	43.4 mm
Upper Yarra	1.0 mm	26.1 mm	96.2 % below	22.6 mm
O'Shannassy	1.6 mm	30.7 mm	94.8 % below	33.8 mm
Maroondah	6.0 mm	31.5 mm	81.0 % below	27.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	03 Nov - 09 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,881 MI	5,600 MI	12.8 % below	3,159 MI
Upper Yarra	3,631 MI	4,100 MI	11.4 % below	1,265 MI
O'Shannassy	2,410 MI	2,500 MI	3.6 % below	1,489 MI
Maroondah	3,009 MI	1,940 MI	55.1 % above	1,275 MI
Total	13,931 MI	14,140 MI	1.5 % below	7,188 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 2 November 2000 to 8 November 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,311 megalitres. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,592 megalitres.

Friday, 17 November 2000

UPWARD TREND CONTINUES

Melbourne's water storage levels have increased again this week.

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley said that the storage levels were looking a lot healthier than they were a couple of months ago and that the threat of Summer water restrictions for Melbourne had eased further.

"Even though the storage level trend is heading upwards, Melburnians cannot afford to be complacent about water consumption. To avoid having to increase Melbourne's storage facilities over the long-term, we must consume less water."

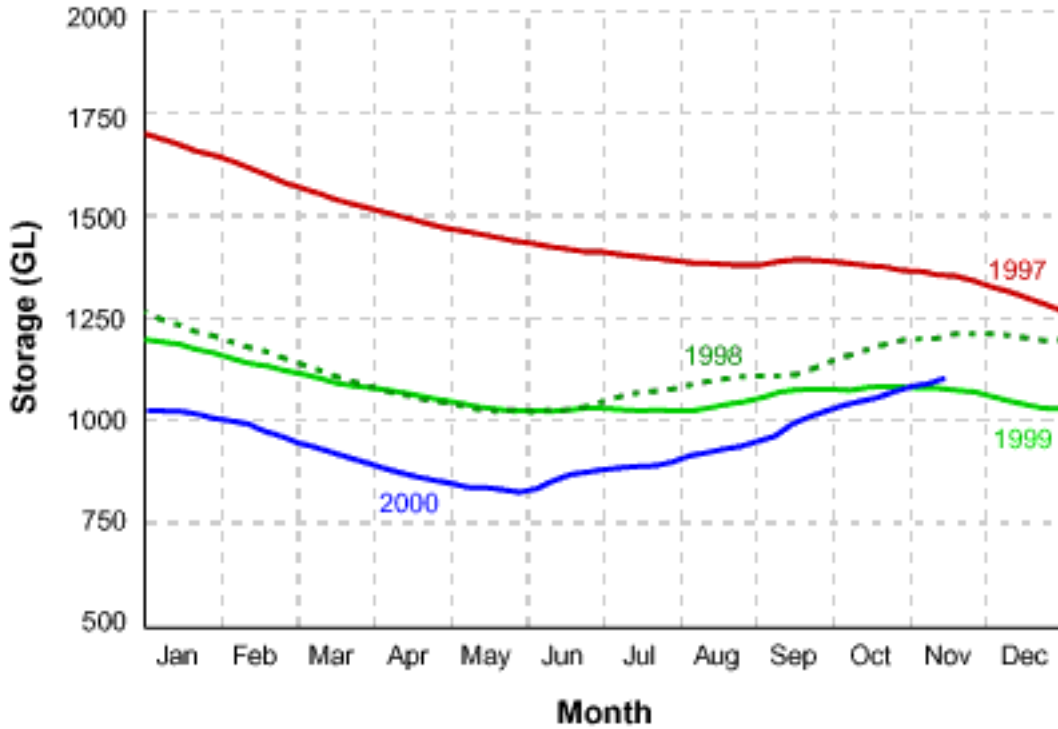
Practical tips on how individuals can save water can be found on Melbourne Water's website at www.melbournewater.com.au.

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,112,535 megalitres and are 62.2% full. This is an increase of 14,080 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.4% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	563,888	52.8
Upper Yarra	200,000	152,776	76.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,173	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,397	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	92,514	96.4
Yan Yean	30,000	25,570	85.2
Greenvale	27,000	26,156	96.9
Silvan	40,000	35,095	87.7
Cardinia	287,000	179,254	62.5
Devil Bend	14,500	11,730	80.9

TOTAL **1,787,500** **1,112,535** **62.2**



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	10 Nov - 16 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	60.6 mm	21.6 mm	180.6 % above	12.4 mm
Upper Yarra	57.0 mm	23.0 mm	147.82 % above	5.8 mm
O'Shannassy	51.4 mm	26.0 mm	97.7 % above	6.0 mm
Maroondah	57.6 mm	22.6 mm	154.9 % above	5.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	10 Nov - 16 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	11,048 MI	4,680 MI	136.1 % above	2,404 MI
Upper Yarra	3,681 MI	3,780 MI	2.6 % below	648 MI
O'Shannassy	2,632 MI	2,320 MI	13.4 % above	1,238 MI
Maroondah	3,258 MI	1,710 MI	90.5 % above	941 MI
Total	20,619 MI	12,490 MI	65.1 % above	5,231 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 9 November 2000 to 15 November 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 8,658 megalitres. Consumption for the same period last year was 9,688 megalitres.

Friday, 24 November 2000

NO SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS

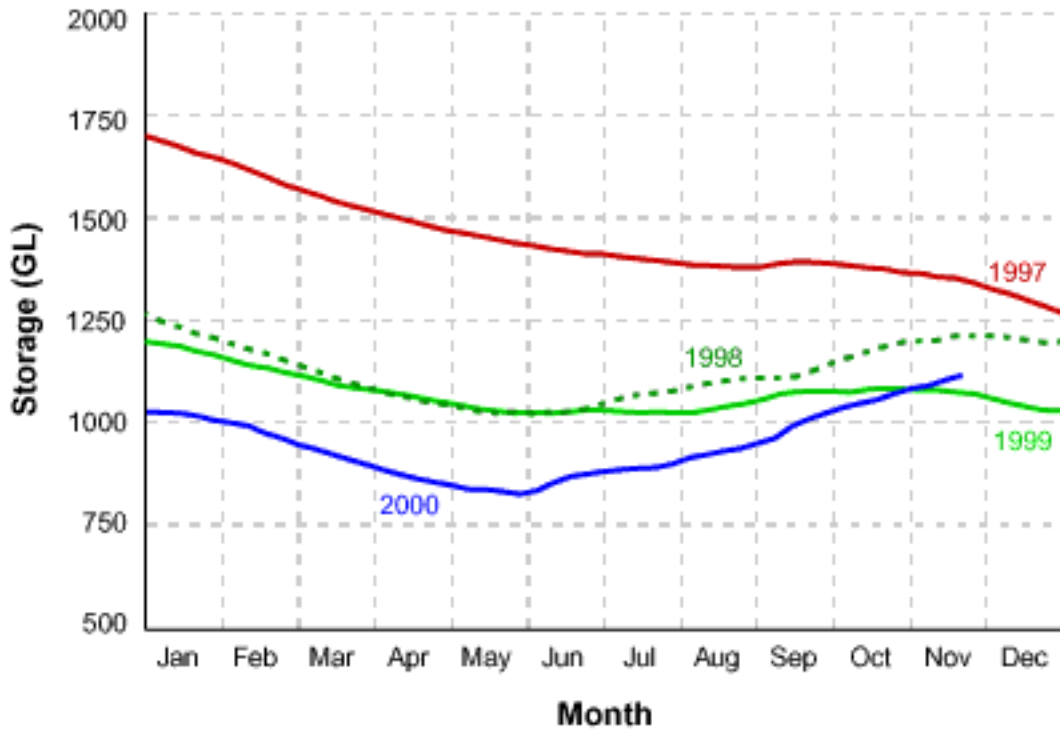
Melbourne's water storage levels have again increased over the past week and the possibility of introducing water restrictions is no longer likely.

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley said even with the good news on storage levels, Melburnians must continue to protect this precious resource.

"As individuals, we can make a real difference by reducing personal water consumption. If usage is reduced over the whole population, it will enable the water storages to fill up faster which will provide us with a buffer should there be a sudden return to dry conditions."

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,123,940 megalitres and are 62.9% full. This is an increase of 11,405 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 60.2% full.

Water Storage Data			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	572,993	53.7
Upper Yarra	200,000	154,703	77.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,149	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,279	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	94,079	98.0
Yan Yean	30,000	25,927	86.4
Greenvale	27,000	26,000	96.3
Silvan	40,000	34,693	86.7
Cardinia	287,000	178,419	62.2
Devil Bend	14,500	11,688	80.6
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,123,940	62.9



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	17 Nov - 23 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	12.2 mm	24.3 mm	49.8 % below	11.6 mm
Upper Yarra	27.0 mm	21.3 mm	26.8 % above	18.0 mm
O'Shannassy	23.8 mm	25.1 mm	5.2 % below	28.0 mm
Maroondah	14.4 mm	24.2 mm	40.5 % below	17.8 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	17 Nov - 23 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	9,853 MI	4,150 MI	137.4 % above	2,458 MI
Upper Yarra	4,012 MI	3,000 MI	33.7 % above	657 MI
O'Shannassy	2,454 MI	2,110 MI	16.3 % above	1,250 MI
Maroondah	2,569 MI	1,610 MI	59.6 % above	1,102 MI
Total	18,888 MI	10,870 MI	73.8 % above	5,467 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 16 November to 22 November 2000 inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 9,475 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 10,184 megalitres.

Friday, 1 December 2000

MELBOURNE WATER CALLS ON MELBURNIANS TO KEEP WATER CATCHMENTS PROTECTED

The onset of summer provides a timely opportunity for Melbourne Water to call on Melburnians to assist in the protection of our water supply catchments by remaining outside the closed areas at all times.

Managing Director, Brian Bayley, said the main reason why Melbourne people enjoy such a high quality drinking water is the purity of its source.

"In Melbourne, more than 140,000 hectares of natural forest have been allocated for the harvesting of water, with approximately 90% of our water supply coming from these uninhabited catchment areas. As a result, Melbourne is able to have a predominantly unfiltered water supply."

"These water supply catchments are closed to the public to minimise the risk of human-borne disease entering the water supply system and to guard against interference and vandalism to our assets."

Mr Bayley said people face penalties of up to \$2000 plus legal costs if they illegally enter the protected catchments."

"Melbourne Water has, and will continue to prosecute people who are found in our protected catchments. The catchments and reservoirs are actively patrolled to ensure compliance with the relevant bylaws and regulations, including night patrols."

Mr. Bayley said restricting human access to the catchments was even more important in Summer in order to limit the potential for bushfires starting in the catchments.

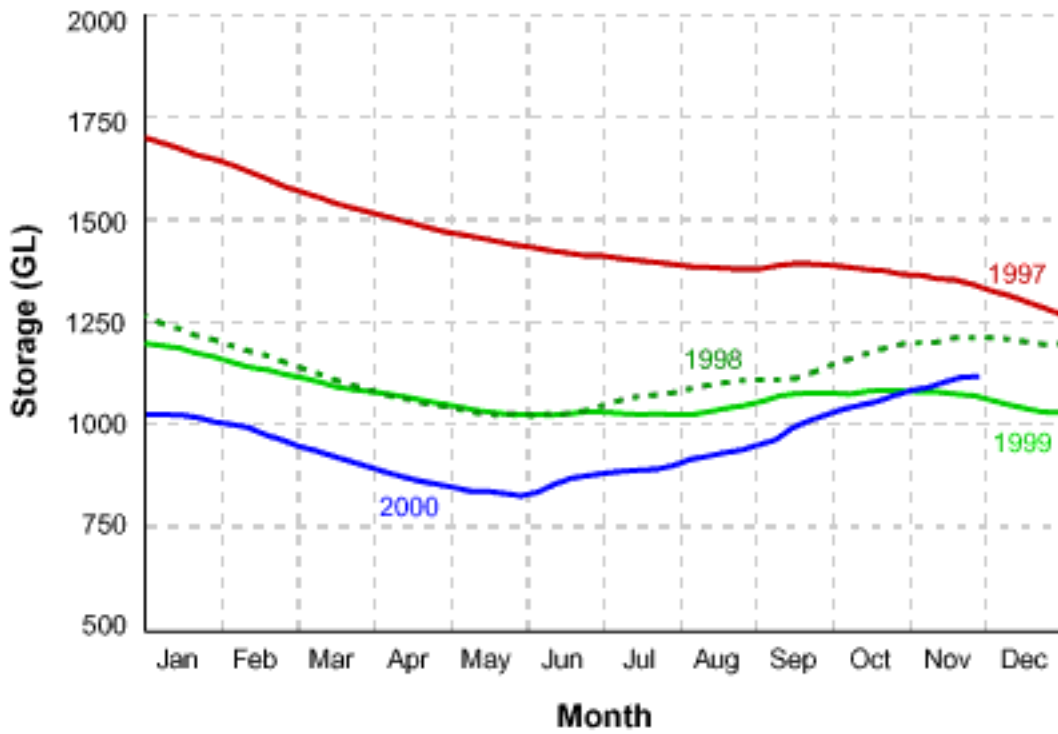
"Bushfires are a major threat to our catchments. Fire leaves soot and ash in the catchments that can be washed into the reservoirs and affect water quality. And they can also undermine the amount of water available for the supply system in the long term by destroying mature trees and necessitating the growth of young trees which require more water while they grow."

For clarification of the locations of catchments and reservoirs closed to public entry, contact Melbourne Water on 131 722

Water Storage

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,125,104 megalitres and are 62.9% full. This is an increase of 1,164 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.8% full.

Water Storage Data			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	577,025	54.0
Upper Yarra	200,000	155,175	77.6
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,162	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,239	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	95,123	99.1
Yan Yean	30,000	25,063	83.5
Greenvale	27,000	25,776	95.5
Silvan	40,000	32,904	82.3
Cardinia	287,000	177,218	61.7
Devil Bend	14,500	11,418	78.7
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,125,104	62.9



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	24 Nov - 30 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	6.5 mm	16.6 mm	60.8 % below	0.8 mm
Upper Yarra	3.8 mm	16.3 mm	76.7 % below	0.8 mm
O'Shannassy	14.0 mm	17.2 mm	18.6 % below	0.8 mm
Maroondah	6.5 mm	17.7 mm	63.3 % below	3.0 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	24 Nov - 30 Nov	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	4,803 MI	3,310 MI	45.1 % above	1,711 MI
Upper Yarra	2,405 MI	2,430 MI	1.0 % below	867 MI
O'Shannassy	1,935 MI	1,860 MI	4.0 % above	1,083 MI
Maroondah	2,178 MI	1,400 MI	55.6 % above	945 MI
Total	11,321 MI	9,000 MI	25.8 % above	4,606 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 23 November to 29 November 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 11,485 megalitres. Consumption recorded for the same period last year was 11,740 megalitres.

Friday, 8 December 2000

WARM DRY SPELL REDUCES WATER STORAGE

A week of warm dry weather has led to a slight decrease in Melbourne's water storage. Consumption was also slightly up, with an increase of 407 megalitres compared to last week. For the week 30 November 2000 to 6 December 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 11,892 megalitres.

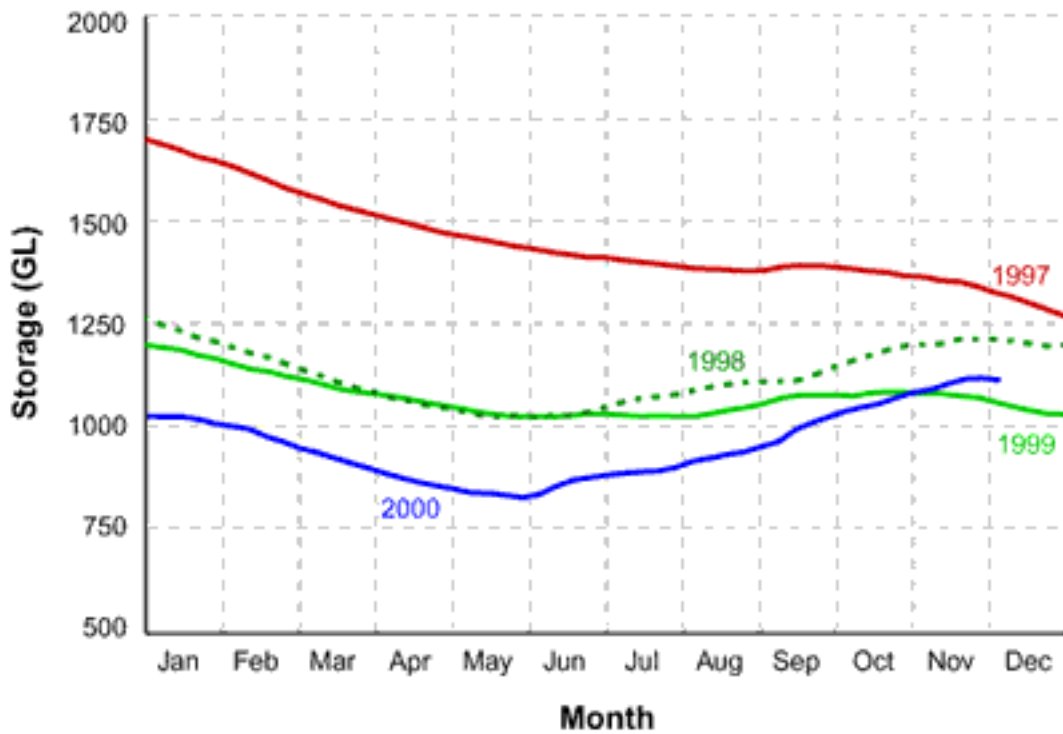
Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,120,639 megalitres and are 62.7% full. This is a decrease of 4,465 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 59.1% full.

Melbourne Water's Managing Director Brian Bayley urged the community to remain vigilant with its water use.

"It only takes a few days of dry weather for water consumption to increase so please don't waste water and help us to conserve this valuable community resource."

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	579,004	54.2
Upper Yarra	200,000	151,874	75.9
O'Shannassy	3,000	3,099	100.0
Maroondah	22,000	22,159	100.0
Sugarloaf	96,000	94,331	98.3
Yan Yean	30,000	24,513	81.7
Greenvale	27,000	25,604	94.8
Silvan	40,000	33,417	83.5
Cardinia	287,000	175,563	61.2
Devil Bend	14,500	11,074	76.4
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,120,639	62.7



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	01 Dec Nov - 07 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1.0 mm	20.5 mm	95.1 % below	1.0 mm
Upper Yarra	10.0 mm	14.2 mm	29.6 % below	6.8 mm
O'Shannassy	11.6 mm	18.3 mm	36.6 % below	9.8 mm
Maroondah	21.0 mm	15.8 mm	32.9 % above	5.0 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	01 Dec - 07 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	2,825 MI	3,350 MI	15.7 % below	1,288 MI
Upper Yarra	1,709 MI	2,260 MI	24.4 % below	645 MI
O'Shannassy	1,647 MI	1,710 MI	3.7 % below	967 MI
Maroondah	1,821 MI	1,270 MI	43.4 % above	847 MI
Total	8,002 MI	8,590 MI	6.6 % below	3,747 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

Friday, 15 December 2000

WATER STORAGES DOWN AGAIN - TURN OFF THE GARDEN TAP

Another week of warm dry weather in Melbourne has seen water storage levels decrease, following the upward trend experienced in Spring.

Managing Director of Melbourne Water Brian Bayley emphasised the need for Melburnians to conserve water by reducing their individual consumption.

" 'Turn off the tap' is still very much our message to consumers.

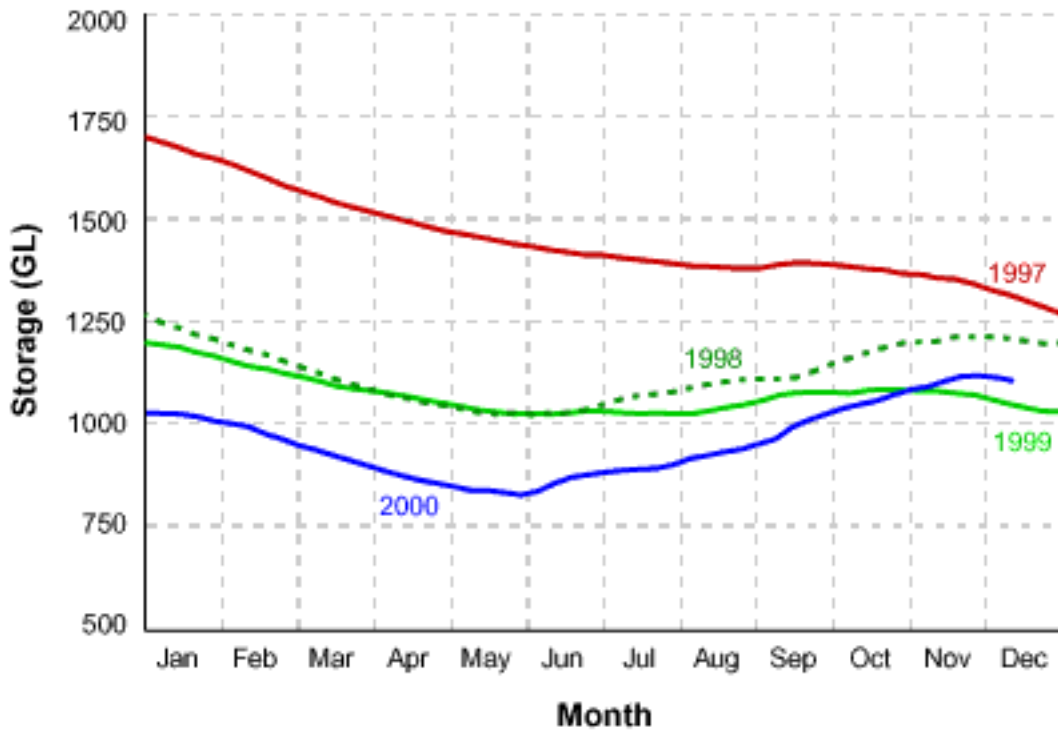
"The temptation to use more water increases with the temperature, especially in the garden where around 40% of all domestic water is consumed. Frequent watering causes plants to develop shallow root systems and to need more water than would otherwise be adequate. Encourage your plants to develop deeper root systems by watering them less often, or better yet plant native species which require less water."

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,112,520 megalitres and are 62.2% full. This is a decrease of 8,119 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.5% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	580,069	54.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	146,353	73.2
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,913	97.1
Maroondah	22,000	21,959	99.8
Sugarloaf	96,000	93,122	97.0
Yan Yean	30,000	23,963	79.9
Greenvale	27,000	25,365	93.9
Silvan	40,000	34,569	86.4
Cardinia	287,000	173,599	60.5
Devil Bend	14,500	11,074	73.2

TOTAL **1,787,500** **1,112,520** **62.2**



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	08 Dec Nov - 14 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	0.0 mm	20.7 mm	100.0 % below	10.8 mm
Upper Yarra	0.0 mm	21.2 mm	100.0 % below	9.8 mm
O'Shannassy	0.0 mm	24.4 mm	100.0 % below	16.2 mm
Maroondah	0.0 mm	22.4 mm	100.0 % above	14.6 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	08 Dec - 14 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,948 MI	3,370 MI	42.2 % below	1,392 MI
Upper Yarra	1,447 MI	2,100 MI	31.1 % below	697 MI
O'Shannassy	1,472 MI	1,650 MI	10.8 % below	1,031 MI
Maroondah	1,412 MI	1,290 MI	9.5 % above	853 MI
Total	6,279 MI	8,410 MI	25.3 % below	3,973 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 7 December to 13 December 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 13,470 megalitres. Consumption for the same period last year was 11,720 megalitres.

Friday, 22 December 2000

CONSUMPTION TOO HIGH

Melburnians used 15,178 megalitres of water this week, the highest weekly consumption figure for this period since 1985.

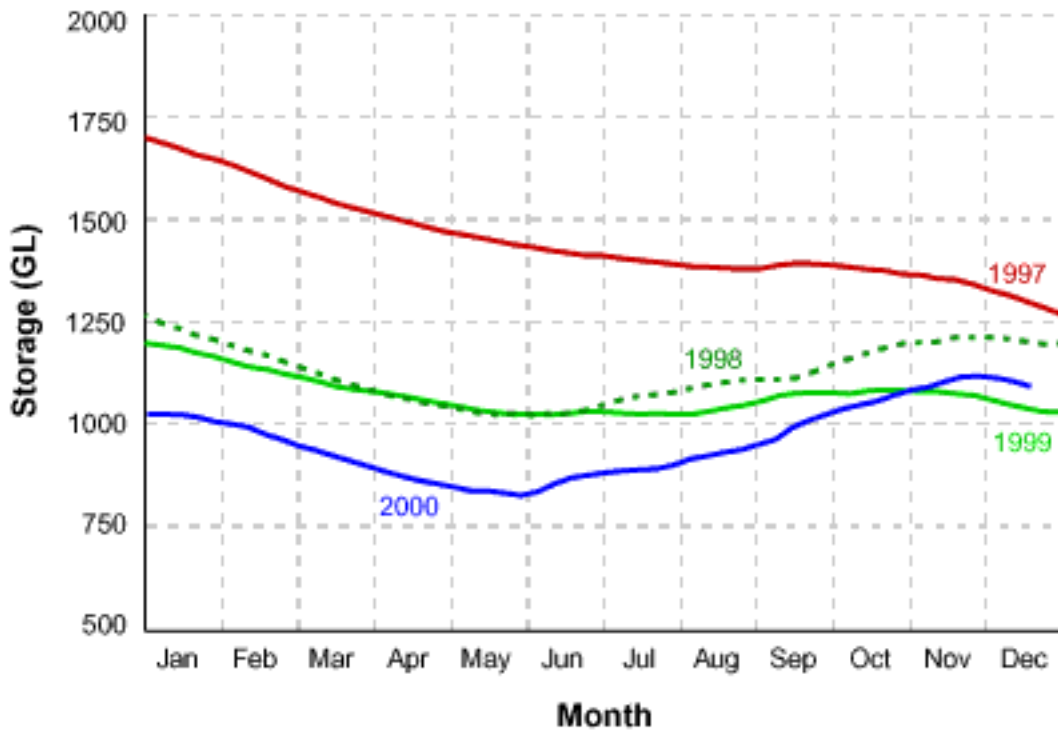
Melbourne Water's Managing Director, Brian Bayley, was disappointed with the results.

"Over the past few months, water consumption has been down despite dry conditions. It is disappointing that with a few hot days, some people seem to have forgotten the lessons learned during the current four years drought. Many individuals are trying very hard to save water but others are not so vigilant. The community needs to work together to conserve this precious resource."

Melbourne's water storages currently hold 1,100,491 megalitres and are 61.6% full. This is a decrease of 12,209 megalitres since last week. For the same time last year the water system storage was 58.1% full.

Water Storage Data

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY(at Full Supply)	VOLUME (ML)	% FULL
Thomson	1,068,000	579,719	54.3
Upper Yarra	200,000	140,729	70.4
O'Shannassy	3,000	2,670	89.0
Maroondah	22,000	21,580	98.1
Sugarloaf	96,000	91,609	95.4
Yan Yean	30,000	23,317	77.7
Greenvale	27,000	24,832	92.0
Silvan	40,000	34,816	87.0
Cardinia	287,000	171,015	59.6
Devil Bend	14,500	10,204	70.4
TOTAL	1,787,500	1,100,491	61.6



RAINFALL FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	15 Dec - 21 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	0.6 mm	27.2 mm	97.8 % below	30.2 mm
Upper Yarra	0.0 mm	22.0 mm	100.0 % below	39.0 mm
O'Shannassy	0.2 mm	21.4 mm	99.1 % below	47.0 mm
Maroondah	0.0 mm	23.7 mm	100.0 % above	30.0 mm

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

STREAMFLOW FOR THE MAJOR HARVESTING CATCHMENTS

Catchment	15 Dec - 21 Dec	Long Term Ave*	Variation	Last Year
Thomson	1,664 MI	3,730 MI	55.4 % below	1,959 MI
Upper Yarra	903 MI	2,010 MI	55.1 % below	937 MI
O'Shannassy	1,417 MI	1,590 MI	10.9 % below	1,224 MI
Maroondah	1,227 MI	1,500 MI	18.2 % below	1,066 MI
Total	5,211 MI	8,830 MI	41.0 % below	5,186 MI

* Long Term Weekly Average (30 year mean 1970-1999)

WATER CONSUMPTION

For the week 14 December 2000 to 20 December 2000, inclusive, the metropolitan consumption was 15,178 megalitres. This was the highest since 1985. Consumption for the same period last year was 11,558 megalitres.

Please note that the next edition of the water storage report will be on 5 January 2001