

Introduction

This newsletter provides an update on the status of groundwater usage and levels in the Murrayville Water Supply Protection Area (WSPA) over the 2007/08 summer/autumn period.

Domestic and Stock Survey

Earlier this year GMMWater distributed a domestic and stock bore survey to each landholder in the Murrayville WSPA. A quarter of the surveys distributed were completed and returned. Thank you to those who took the time to respond. A reminder letter will be distributed to those who have not yet provided a response. It would be appreciated if surveys could be forwarded to GMMWater as soon as possible.

The data gathered is used to update baseline information about water use in the aquifer to ensure that all extraction points (small or large) are accounted for. This information assists in enhancing our understanding of the behaviour of the aquifer, and management of the total groundwater resource.

Please contact Kate Morrison or Clare Dunn if you have any questions relating to the survey on 1300 659 961.

Groundwater Projects within the Murrayville Region

There are a number of projects being undertaken by the Department of Sustainability and Environment across Victoria, several of which are occurring within the Murrayville WSPA. The projects include refurbishment of failed observation bores and extended water quality testing.

As part of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority's water quality monitoring project, over fifty bores in the Murrayville WSPA have been sampled this month and tested for salinity. This occurs on a six monthly basis with results sent to relevant landowners. The latest results will be summarised in the next newsletter. Please contact the Mallee Catchment Management Authority on (03) 5051 4377 or visit their website at www.malleecma.vic.gov.au for more information.



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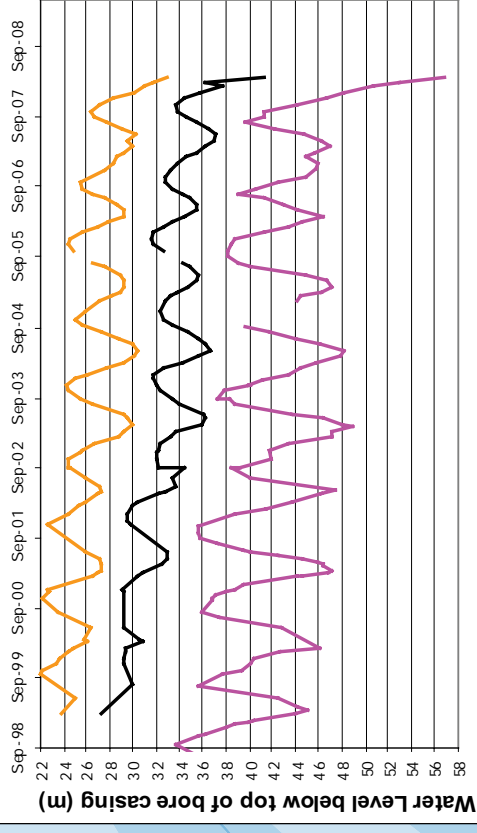
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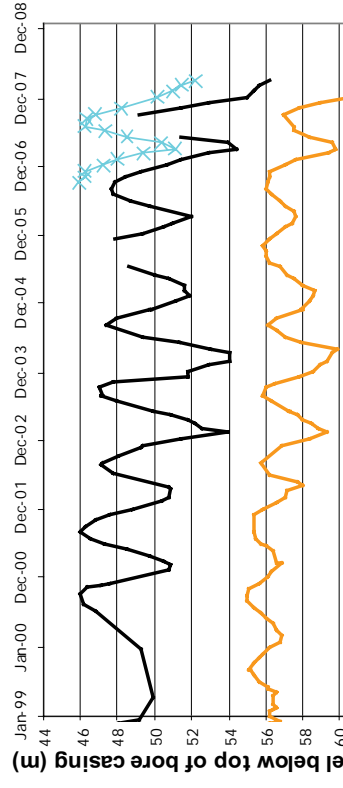
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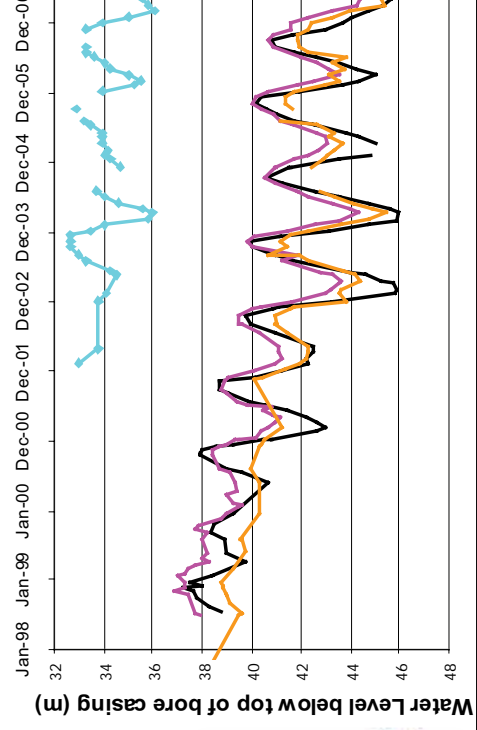


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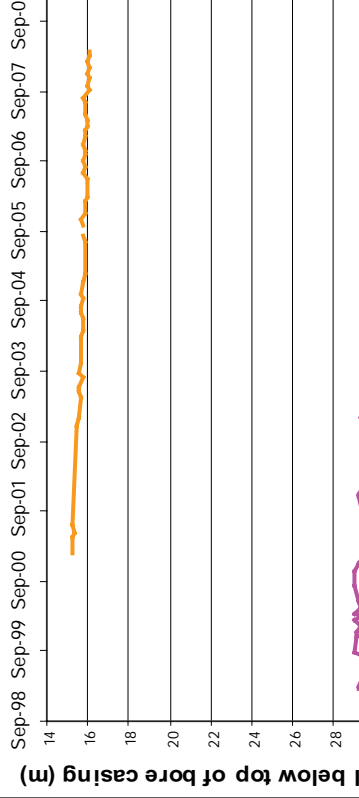


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Implementation Committee

The role of the Implementation Committee is to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues relating to the management of the Murrayville WSPA and to provide advice to GMMWater on the implementation of the Murrayville Groundwater Management Plan.

Your local landholder representatives on the committee are:

Kevin Oakley (Chairman)	Joffrey Sporn
Stephen Brown	David Lloyd
Kelvin Heintze	Darren Ford
Robert Lester	Peter Willersdorf

Membership also includes representatives from the Mildura Rural City Council, Mallee Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Primary Industries.

GMMWater's New Website

GMMWater has launched a new look website!

The website contains important and relevant information on the diverse range of services that the corporation is responsible for.

A feature of the new look website is a search function providing an easy way to search for topics such as groundwater. Simply type 'groundwater' in the search field to view all information on this topic. It's that easy!

Visit our website at www.gmmwater.org.au

Further Information

For further information on the Murrayville WSPA, please contact the Sustainable Resources Division at GMMWater on 1300 659 961 at any time during business hours.

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