



Recreation water contribution charge

The supply of recreation water from Wimmera Mallee Pipeline water savings has continued to benefit the community; from livability for locals to economic growth through tourism around the region.

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In 2013 following considerable community consultation, GWMWater introduced a Recreation Water Contribution Charge (RCC) through the 2013 Water Price Review. These discounts have continued to be supported by customers and were extended to schools in 2018 through the 2018 Water Price Review.

The RCC supports subsidies for water supplied to nominated recreation lakes and discounts to eligible recreation and sporting clubs.

The annual RCC in 2024/25 is \$20.48 per customer with a \$10.24 discount applied to concession card holders. A customer is defined as each primary rural household meter and urban residential water connection.

GWMWater will raise around \$600,000 from the RCC which will allow:

- > the cost of water delivered to recreational lakes and weirs supplied at a discounted price of \$28.22 per megalitre.
- > rural recreational and sporting clubs to collectively save approximately \$90,000 per annum through volumetric rate discounts.
- > urban recreational and sporting clubs to collectively save \$190,000 per annum through volumetric rate discounts.
- > recreational water discounts to schools in the GWMWater region to collectively save around \$150,000 per annum through volumetric rate discounts.

Recreation Lakes and Weirs

The following recreation lakes/weir pools receive an annual 'top up' supply and will pay the discounted price of \$28.22 per megalitre for water delivered for the 12 months from 1 July 2024.

Name	Management Authority
Warracknabeal Weir Pool	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Marma Lake	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Brim Weir Pool	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Beulah Weir Pool	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Lake Lascelles	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Watchem Lake	Buloke Shire Council
Tchum Lake	Buloke Shire Council
Donald Park Lake	Buloke Shire Council
Wooroonook Lake	Buloke Shire Council
Green Lake (near Sea Lake)	Buloke Shire Council
Walkers Lake	Northern Grampians Shire Council
Ouyen Lake	Mildura Rural City Council
Nhill Lake	Hindmarsh Shire Council
Yaapeet Lake	Yaapeet Community Club
Rainbow Lake	Rainbow Lake Committee

The cost of providing the 3500 ML available to these lakes and weirs each year (subject to resource availability) is made up of headworks storage and delivery costs. Water is generally delivered in low demand periods (May to September) to reduce operational costs.

The current annual cost to GWMWater of providing this service is \$350,000 which includes delivery costs and the maintenance of recreational facilities at headworks reservoirs.

The cost for water delivered is charged directly to the Council or Committee of Management of the relevant lake or water body.

GWMWater believes that the discounted volumetric charge will ensure affordability for these organisations while still sending a price signal to promote the efficient use of water.

Recreational, sporting clubs and schools

The RCC was driven by feedback received on the sustainability of smaller rural sporting, service clubs and schools from the community and received continued support by our Community Panel for the 2023 Water Price Review. The RCC allowed 240 urban and 90 eligible rural sporting and service clubs within the region, and also 96 schools to pay a discounted volumetric rate for water supplied in 2023/24.

Eligible clubs² include recreation reserves, tennis, football, golf, racing, motor sports, bowling, shooting, netball, hockey, softball, swimming, croquet, athletic, cycling, aero, gymnastic, fishing, rowing, boating, skiing clubs, cemeteries and racecourses.

The following tariffs will apply for eligible clubs and schools:

- > volumetric rate discounts for both urban and rural pipeline serviced clubs:
 - consumption up to 5 ML per annum - 40 percent discount
 - consumption between 5 to 10 ML - 25 percent discount
 - consumption above 10 ML - full volumetric rate.
- > Night Watering Consumption Rebate receives a 15 percent discount from the volumetric rate and can be used in conjunction with the recreation, sporting club and school's discount.
- > Clubs and schools serviced by the rural pipeline will only pay the primary meter charge and the discounted volumetric rate explained above.
- > Clubs and schools supplied from urban systems will continue to pay a concessional charge for a 20 mm service irrespective of the size of the water service. A further 15 percent discount available for 'night watering' will also apply where applicable in addition to the volumetric discount rate explained above.

Urban sporting clubs and rural sporting clubs connected to a pipeline network also receive up to \$260 per annum subsidy through the State Revenue Office Water and Sewerage Rebate Scheme.

More information

For more information on the RCC, please contact our Customer Call Centre on 1300 659 961 during business hours.

1. An independent Community Panel of 16 members was formed to represent customer views from across the GWMWater region.
2. To receive the discounted rates, clubs and schools must be eligible for and receiving the State Revenue Office Water and Sewerage Rebate Scheme.

