

Irrigation districts

Our Irrigation team runs the Macalister, Werribee and Bacchus Marsh irrigation districts, sending water to about 1500 customers including river diverters. We also deliver Class A recycled water to Werribee irrigators. We maintain the channels, pipelines and drains for these districts.

The amount of water delivered each year depends on seasonal conditions. In the Macalister, customers hold nearly 161,000 ML of high reliability water shares. In the west, they hold around 15,000 ML.

Groundwater and rivers

Our Groundwater and Rivers team manages and controls licences to take and use of water from rivers, creeks and underground sources across Southern Victoria. We also license bore and farm dam construction.

We manage around 7,800 ongoing licences, and we issue up to 3,000 one-off licences each year.

Our customers take and use up to 145,000 ML of water from rivers and 330,000 ML from underground.

Large dams

Our Headworks team harvests and stores water in large dams to provide water for a range of customers, such as:

- our own irrigation districts
- Latrobe Valley power generators
- Western Water, Gippsland Water and Melbourne Water

We operate storages in four major catchments, with large dams at Pykes Creek, Merrimu, Melton (Werribee Catchment), Rosslynne (Maribyrnong) Blue Rock, Narracan (Latrobe) and Glenmaggie (Macalister). We also manage the recreation facilities at most of these dams.

Power generators and urban water authorities use around 300,000 ML of water during an average year.



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Southern Rural Water manages rural water across the southern half of Victoria, from the Great Divide to the coast - about 44% of Victoria. Southern Victoria has a great climate and excellent soils for agricultural production. It also hosts our capital city, major industry and towns.




We service about 10,000 customers covering industries such as dairy, vegetable growing, cropping, power generation, urban water and more.

We are a water corporation wholly owned by the State Government. Southern Rural Water is governed by a Board of Directors who are appointed by the Minister for Water.

We have around 170 staff based in offices across the state from Hamilton to Bairnsdale. Our major offices are at Maffra, Werribee and Warrnambool.

We engage with customers regularly including through customer consultative committees in each of our irrigation districts, and the Southern Groundwater and Rivers Forum.

Key

-  Office locations
-  Combined office and major water storage
-  Major water storage only

