# Annual Water Outlook 2025

Water availability from 1 Dec 2025 to 30 Nov 2026



**Permanent Water** Saving Rules apply



**Above median** temperatures during Dec 2025 to Feb 2026

(BOM 3 mth outlook)



Wetter than usual (58% chance of above median rainfall)



Water supply is sufficient to meet demand for the year ahead

#### Our customers

- 23,688 customers
- Occupancy rates vary from as low as 44% in Cowes to between 70-80% in Waterline Communities.

#### Water use 2024-25

- 56% residential use
- 37% non residential
- Total water consumption 2,785 ML

### Water resource position



Candowie Reservoir historical water trends are on our website. Thanks to late season rainfall, Candowie Reservoir is 72% full (as at 1 December 2025).

#### **Tennent Creek**

Is Candowie Reservoir's primary water source and can supply, 2,911 ML/yr annually. In 2024-25 - 1,192 ML was taken.

# Recycled water



Overall, across Westernport Water's two effluent treatment facilities, we reused 503 ML of treated effluent, equating to 32% of total inflows. This exceeded the total reuse target of 267ML by 236 ML.

#### Summer outlook 2025-26

The BOM advises that slightly wetter then median conditions are likely for December to February.

Temperatures for November to January are likely to be warmer than median for much of the country (greater than 92% chance).

## **Urban water strategy actions**

- Ongoing monitoring and assessment of system operating rules.
- Actively pursue water conservation measures, including leakage detection, education and community awareness, as well as implementing water efficiency programs.
- Continue to seek new customers for Class A recycled water supply, relieving pressure on the drinking water supply and reducing ocean outfall.
- Continue to monitor and review supply and demand forecasts in line with our Water Supply Demand Strategy.
- Continue refining the operating protocol for the selection of water sources under varying climatic and water availability scenarios.

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# Water supply sources

- Tennent Creek and Bass River
- Groundwater from Corinella Aquifer
- **Greater Yarra Thomson River System** (GYTRS) 1,432 ML taken.

