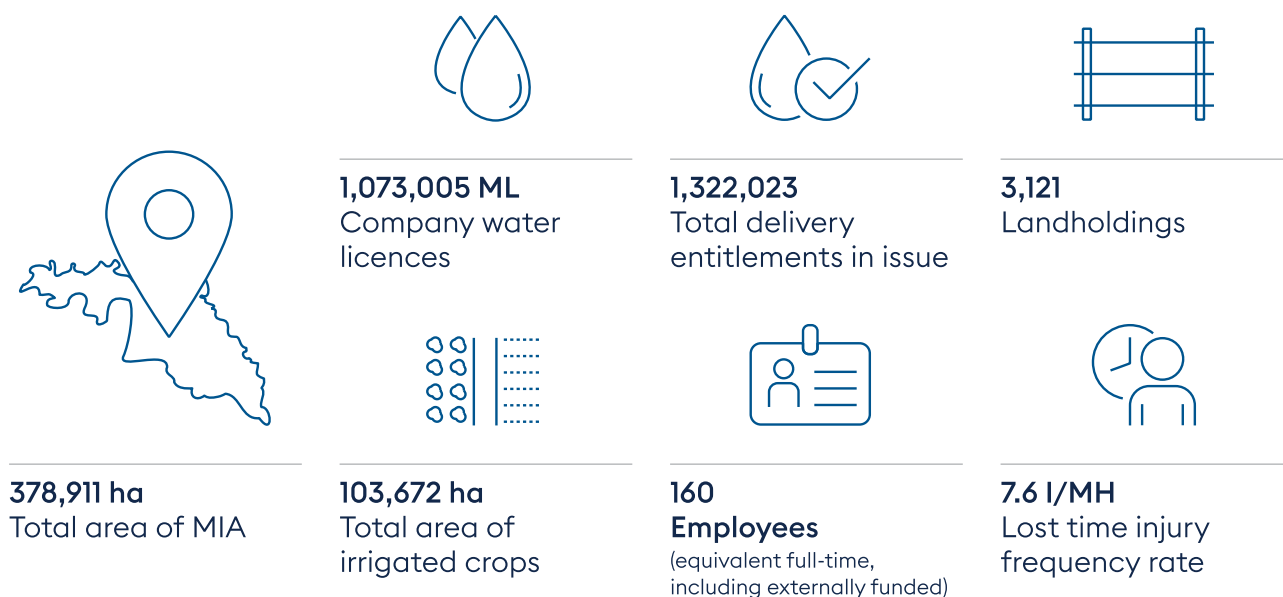


2023 At a glance





Water summary

Measures for 2022/23 in total	Measure	2022/23	Allocations	Measure	2022/23
Government announced allocation (all licences)	ML	1,075,565	Special purpose high security (towns, S&D)	% of entitlement	100
Temporary transfers into MIA	ML	101,842	High security (HS)	% of entitlement	100
Supplementary flows from river	ML	36,011	General security (GS)	% of entitlement	100
Total water delivered (all licences; including surplus flows)	ML	613,614	Additional water ¹	ML	47,519
Temporary transfers out of MIA	ML	192,048			

Note 1: For eligible customers who hold more than 250 Delivery Entitlements (DEs) and issued as a proportion of DEs.

Strategy in action

Murrumbidgee Irrigation exists to enable regional productivity through irrigation. Our job is simple – to deliver water in the best way possible. In line with our corporate plan, we organise our efforts to succeed under three pillars:

01

One team

Listening to our customers and supporting their needs by delivering great customer service.

02

Staying ahead of the game

Using our modernised system to drive efficient operations and enable our region to grow in a time of less water.

03

Doing different

Transforming how we do business by using the best available ways of working to innovate and adapt.

How we delivered in 2022/23



Customers

Technology supporting a joined-up approach

Murrumbidgee Irrigation has focussed on developing tools to support our customers to do what they do best by employing technology and data analysis to make the delivery of water suit what the customer needs. Having a better understanding of the capacity of the system throughout the season allowed us to deliver tailored outcomes through a connected system. Technology, people, equipment and data are all being harnessed to deliver productivity gains via efficient delivery of water.



Community

Murrumbidgee Irrigation supporting in an emergency

Murrumbidgee Irrigation worked closely and collaboratively with local flood management authorities to help minimise the impacts of the excessive rainfall in the latter part of 2022. Our crews worked flexibly, and on long shifts, to deliver works to manage inflows through the Mirrool Creek and our storages were used to ameliorate the impact of flooding.



Operations

Final phase of automation continues

The works to finalise the automation of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation system have progressed well, despite some challenging weather conditions over the past twelve months. When completed over the next year, the project will have upgraded 1,500 metered outlets, automated 360 regulators, refurbished 20 kilometres of open earth channels and constructed a new 5,000 ML surge reservoir that together will generate 6.3 GL per year of water savings for the environment and 1.1 GL for water users and the community.



People

Remaining an employer of choice

The successful refresh of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Enterprise Agreement (EA), with a new three year agreement ratified by Fair Work Australia, was an important endorsement of the conditions of work for our employees. As part of the refresh, the EA Review Committee took a good look at the Agreement and tested it against industry standards the National Employment Standards and the Water Industry Award. The Agreement stood up well in this comparison.



Environment

Environmental water delivered across the MIA

Working with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) our delivery system has ensured that 837ML reached identified environmental target areas, including the Nericon Swamp, Cudgel Creek, MacCaughey Lagoon and Turkey Flats, helping to deliver positive outcomes for important wildlife habitats. In addition, we collaborated with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to deliver 300ML of environmental water down Cudgel Creek helping to deliver positive outcomes for a number of platypi who have been sighted in the Creek.



Stakeholders

Advocacy for future water

Murrumbidgee Irrigation has made representations to decision makers and policy makers in relation to the negative impacts of any additional buy-back of productive water. We have reiterated our longstanding concerns around the woeful lack of progress of the delivery of SDLAM projects as we head toward 2024 and its deadline for water recovery. We joined with Coleambally Irrigation Co-operative Limited to lodge an application for funding under the SDLAM program, to undertake a feasibility study to improve efficiency and optimise management of the Murrumbidgee River.



Bottom line – performance of your assets

	Measure	2022/23
Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) from normal operations	\$'000	7,582
Government revenue	\$'000	49,654
Net assets	\$'000	661,998
Asset renewal capital expenditure	\$'000	3,711

What our customers said

“Being a rice farmer, water is the most important input. You can’t be an organic rice farmer in Australia without water, which makes Murrumbidgee Irrigation the provider of the most important asset in irrigation farming.”

William Barnhill Organic Farmer Leeton, NSW

“Water supply efficiency ensures costs are managed by reducing water losses throughout the system, and Murrumbidgee Irrigation’s maintenance program and high-tech water management system ensures this outcome.”

Stahmann Webster, Tree nut production, Leeton and Griffith, NSW

“Automation is the greatest innovation. I can sit on a beach miles away and check the water at the outlet, stop or vary it with six hours’ notice. In the old days you had to beat the water bailiff to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation mailbox with a handwritten note by 7am!”

William Barnhill, Organic Farmer Leeton, NSW