

Kiewa Groundwater Management Area

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The Kiewa Groundwater Management Area (GMA) extends from the Bogong High Plains to Wodonga, including the Kiewa, Yackandandah and Running Creek catchments (map provided overleaf).

Groundwater resources in the GMA are managed under the Local Management Plan (the Plan) that was approved in 2014.

Groundwater entitlement and use

There is currently 3,099 megalitres per year (ML/yr) of licensed groundwater entitlement in the Kiewa GMA. The majority of entitlement is held in the Kiewa Valley management zone (Table 1).

Table 1 Licensed groundwater entitlementand use in the Kiewa GMA in 2014/15

Management zone	Entitlement (ML/yr)	Use (ML/yr)
Kiewa Valley	2,294.9	276.8
Running Creek	421.0	12.7
Yackandandah	383.1	54.8
Total	3,099.0	344.3

Metered use in the Kiewa GMA in 2015/16 was 344.3 ML or 11% of total entitlement, compared to 4% of total entitlement in 2014/15.

Groundwater trading

Customers may transfer entitlement on a temporary or permanent basis within or between zones in the Kiewa GMA provided management zone caps documented in the Plan are not exceeded.

One permanent transfer occurred within the Kiewa Valley management zone for 12 ML of entitlement.

No temporary transfers were undertaken in the Kiewa GMA in the 2015/16 season.

Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels are monitored across the Kiewa GMA in 16 State observation bores (locations shown on map overleaf).

Groundwater levels at Kergunyah Road show a response to seasonal rainfall and the rise and fall of the Kiewa River. There was no groundwater use nearby (Figure 1).

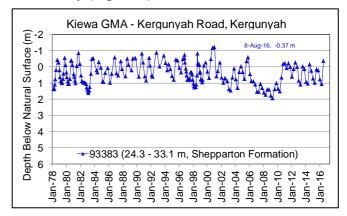
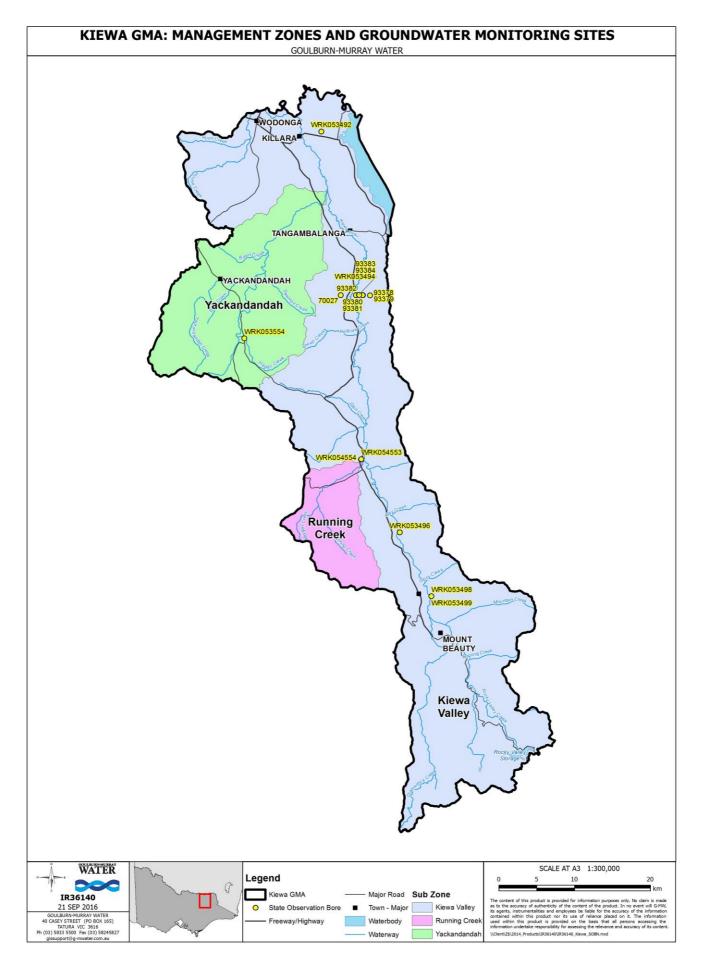


Figure 1 Groundwater levels in Kergunyah Where can I get more information?

You can download a copy of the Kiewa Groundwater Management Plan from the GMW website <u>www.gmwater.com.au</u> or call

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