



### **December Environmental Water Newsletter update 2025**

We are now headed into the Spring/Summer watering season, which means it's time for environmental water releases into the Glenelg River. This is a perfect time to get out on the river and enjoy some recreational activities! Environmental water releases will commence on December 2 and will continue throughout the summer season. These flows will fluctuate between baseflows and fresh events, with timed gradual increases occurring throughout the season, where the river will increase in streamflow.

Releases will commence at 40ML/d. This will ramp up to a of 220ML/d on December 9 before then dropping down to a baseflow release again in late December. What will this look like on the river? You'll likely see an increase in river height by about 50cm. This fresh will provide important water quality improvements and connectivity to native fish, allowing them to swim upstream. This is a great time to get out on the river and enjoy recreational fishing, bird watching, kayaking and other water activities with family and friends over the school holidays!

Although December rainfall is looking above average in some areas of the catchment and some farmers are reporting a welcome relief with the recent rainfall events, the catchment is very much still in need of additional rain. Through conversations with farmers, we are aware that there is still a high dependence on good quality water in the Glenelg River. These freshes and compensation flows will maintain the water quality and reduce any recently accumulated salinity, which we know is vital for both native animals and livestock.

When to expect the environmental flows to arrive in your area?

- Balmoral, December 9
- Harrow, December 12/13

- Dergholm, December 16/17
- Casterton, December 20/21
- Dartmoor, December 24/25 (Christmas!)

## **GREWAG**

The Glenelg River Environmental Water Advisory Group (GREWAG) is open to new and continuing member Expressions of Interest from November 28 until December 19. Please visit the following links to learn more:

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