

SWEP PROJECT UPDATE

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TURNING OFF THE TAPS TO SAVE WATER THIS WINTER

Customers in the Mildura irrigation district are urged to pay close attention to the channel shutdowns planned for this winter.

Starting from April, as part of our SWEP project, LMW will be undertaking a significant program of works. These works will include repairing and installing a liner in all Mildura channels not already lined. The channel near the Nichols Point Primary School will also be replaced by a buried pipeline.

There are also works planned on the Merbein channel which will require shutdowns.

These works will save water which is currently lost through the leaky channels.

LMW needs to drain the channels to allow these works to happen. While channel shutdowns happen most years, due to the significant scale of works this winter, there will be more shutdowns this year than usual.

We understand the implications of the channel shutdowns are working hard to ensure that customers are aware of the shutdowns so they can plan accordingly. We will also be working with the construction contractors to ensure the works are completed as quickly as possible to reduce impacts to customers.

For some, the shutdowns this winter may mean considering what to plant. For others, it may mean filling your tanks and dams ahead of time.

A draft version of the channel shutdown plan has been made available on the LMW website. The plan will be finalised and published in April. Please use the QR code below to view the schedule and begin planning early.

If you require assistance understanding where your property sits on the shutdown schedule, or if you need us to understand something particular about your water needs this winter, our team would be happy to hear from you.

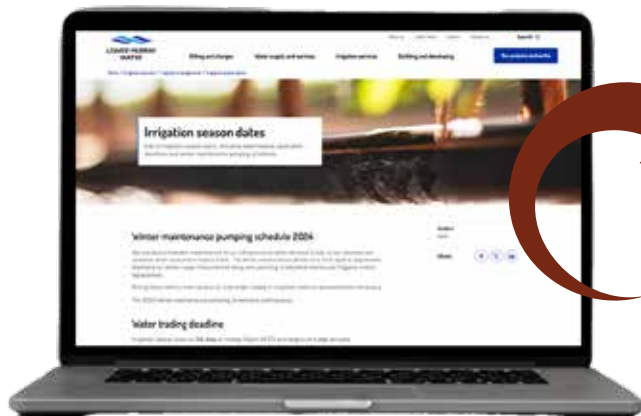
Please email the team at swep@lmw.vic.gov.au or call 1800 808 830 and ask to speak to the SWEP team.

In addition to the channel works, we will also be removing old Dethridge wheels this winter. There will be localised, short shutdowns needed for these works, which will be coordinated directly with those affected at the time.

This work is being delivered thanks to \$37.9 million in funding from the Australian Government under the Off-farm Efficiency Program.

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WHICH CHANNEL DO YOU LIVE ON?

LMW have published Shutdown Maps for the Mildura L, Mildura K, and Merbein channels.

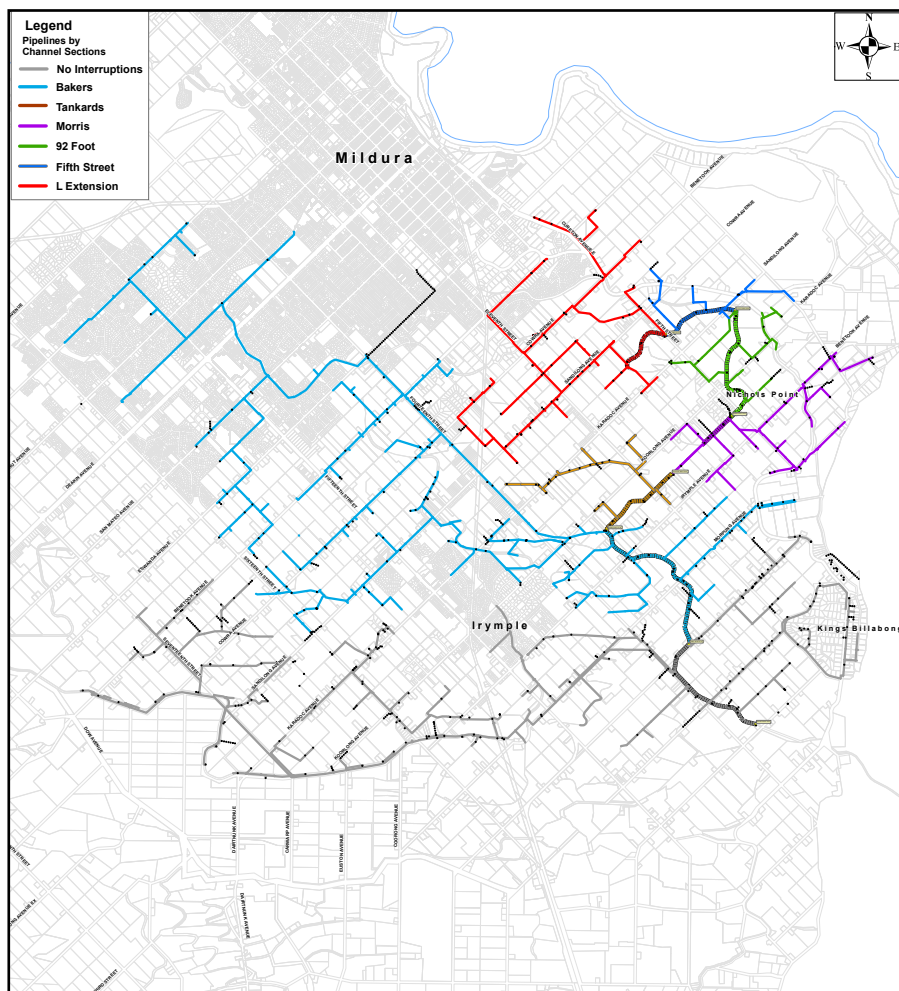
The maps will help identify where your property sits on the channel system and what the shutdowns will mean for you this winter.

Use the QR code to view the 3 district maps and understand where your property sits on the system.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

I'm a Domestic and Stock user in Mildura – will I have interrupted supply this winter?

Almost certainly. The channel shutdown will be longer than usual this year.

If you have one available, we recommend filling your tanks fully before the shutdown starts.

I'm worried about my plantings, who should I speak to about the planned shutdown?

Please contact the SWEP Operations and Surveillance Manager, James Collett, in the first instance. Call 1800 808 830 and ask to speak to James in the SWEP team.

I have an old Dethridge Wheel – will SWEP be removing it as part of this project?

The SWEP team have removed more than 100 old Dethridge wheels to date. We have over 150 more wheels to remove this coming winter across the Red Cliffs and Merbein Districts.

We have been contacting landowners with these wheels to arrange the work. If your wheel is planned to be removed, you should have received a letter from us previously. We will be in contact ahead of the works to arrange shutting down your supply and undertake the works.

