

IPOS e-Bulletin

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Feedback Required

Please email us your feedback about the e-bulletins you receive

We would like your feedback on our e-bulletins to determine whether you see value in receiving these and if there is any particular topic/s you are interested in hearing about. Please let us know if you are reading these e-bulletins via email and provide any feedback you have to the IPOS email address

iposadmin@sawater.com.au. Thanks!

Tip of the Month

Preparing for the upcoming season

With some warmer weather beginning to appear and the irrigation season approaching, now is a good time to ensure your site is prepared for this season. Check your irrigation system and give it a run to make sure it survived the winter. You can test your sprinklers inside the permitted times to ensure they're in working order and make adjustments as necessary. Be sure to check solenoid valves, pumps, irrigation controllers and your water meter to ensure everything is in working order. It's also a good idea to make sure you've budgeted for your water use for the irrigation season. The [Best Practice Checklist](#) available on the IPOS website is a valuable guide to help you achieve best practice managing irrigated open space.

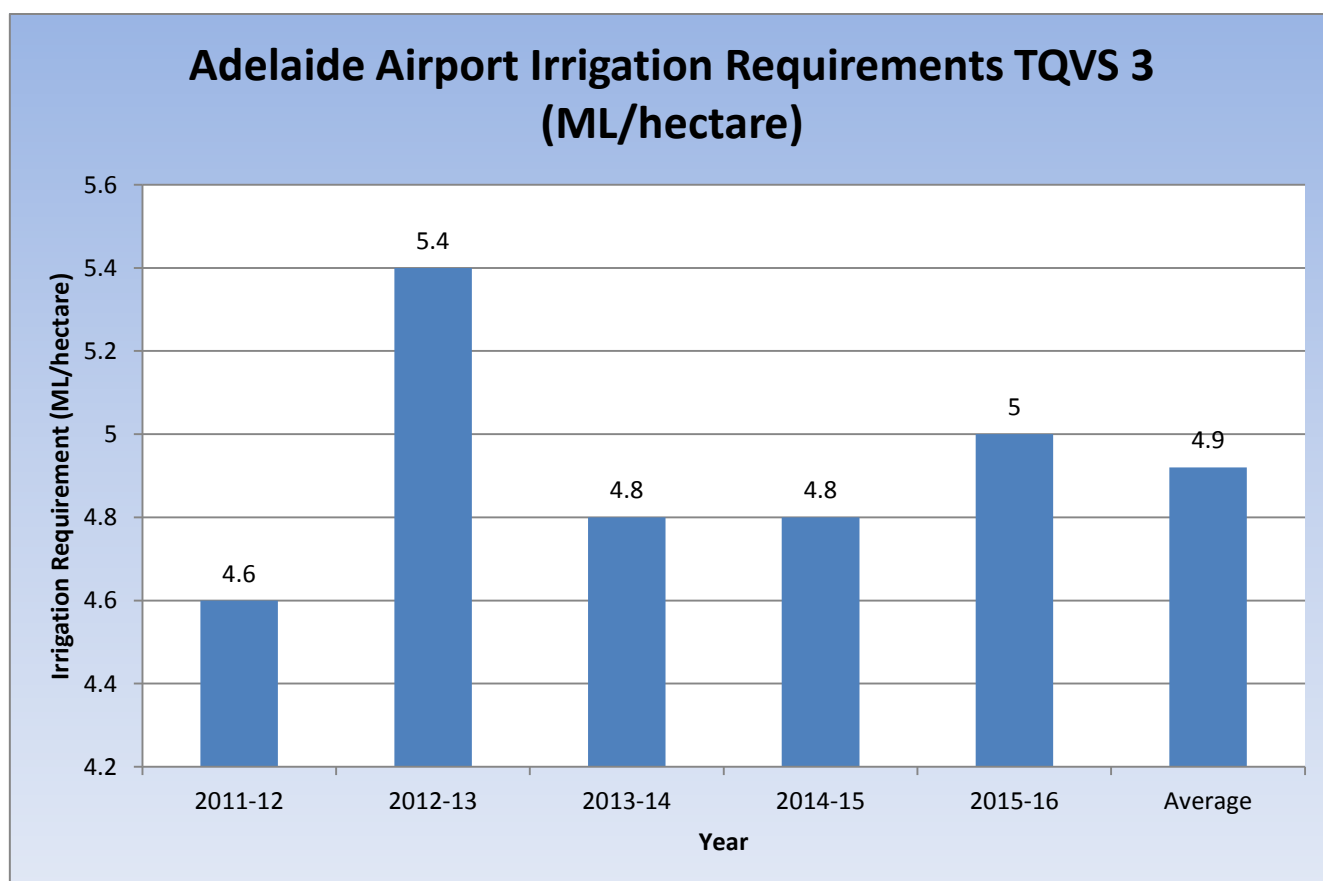


2015/16 Irrigation Season Summaries Available

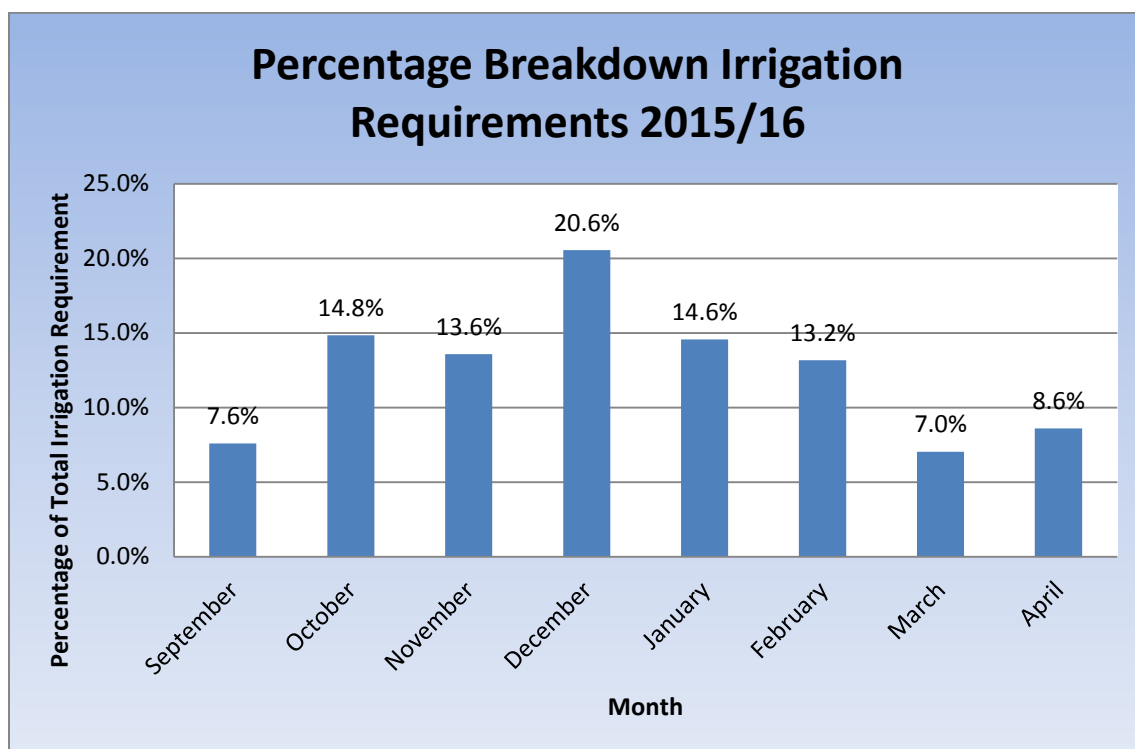
Request irrigation requirement summary for your area...

At the end of every financial year, Business Relations records a summary of turf irrigation requirements for a number of geographic regions across the state and makes this available to councils, schools and sporting clubs.

The irrigation requirements are based on the Irrigated Public Open Space Code of Practice (IPOS CoP) formula. The formula uses evapotranspiration and rainfall as the climate inputs, sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology, to determine the irrigation requirement. The graph below displays the irrigation requirements, per hectare, for a local sports ground, from September to April each year for the past 5 years. The model indicates the 2015/16 irrigation requirement increased compared to the previous 2 years and was slightly above the 5 year average. Please note, this data is specific to the Adelaide Airport area and the irrigation requirement will vary for different regions. The Irrigation Requirement is expressed in megalitres per hectare (ML/Hectare). If you would like to know the irrigation requirements specific to your region, please contact us via the details in the banner below.



The table below displays the breakdown of the 2015/16 Irrigation Requirement for the Adelaide Airport area. The model shows that during this season, opportunities for reduced irrigation requirements were evident in March and April. The season also started earlier than usual with a significant 7.6% of the total irrigation required during September. A significant volume of irrigation (20.6% of the total requirement) was required during December.



Water consumption summaries detailing your water use and associated costs for your SA Water account are also made available on request. Please contact us to receive your account summary.

Our Water Networks – Facts and Figures

Find out what's happening underground and how we respond to faults

The water network that delivers your supply in South Australia is very complex – we manage over 26,800 kilometres of pipe. This year has seen increased public scrutiny placed on SA Water network faults and responses. If you're interested in gaining a better understanding about how our network is managed, some of the challenges and other facts you probably don't know about then please visit the links below.

[Find out what is happening underground:](#)

Learn some of the facts about the investment in our water network, soil challenges in Adelaide, the age of our water pipes and pipe failure rates.

[When a water main fails:](#)

Follow the step by step process of our response to water main faults.

IPOS Training Sessions Coming to You

Irrigated Public Open Space (IPOS) Training Sessions, September 2016

Does your organisation manage its own irrigation? If so, then this training is for you. The Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) are facilitating a series of training sessions aimed at upskilling participants in irrigation management. Learn about irrigation efficiency and water management, irrigation terminology and units and increase your understanding of the resources available to you.

The sessions are free and will run for 2.5 hours. Venue, time and dates are detailed in the table below. To find out more and register, please visit the ORS website:

http://ors.sa.gov.au/upcoming_courses_and_events/_nocache

Workshop Location	Date	Time
Office for Recreation & Sport, Kidman Park	Friday 2nd September 2016	10am - 12:30pm
Victor Harbor Civic Centre	Thursday 8th September 2016	10am – 12:30pm
Murray Bridge Council Chambers	Friday 9th September 2016	10:00am – 12:30pm
Office for Recreation & Sport, Kidman Park	Wednesday 14th September 2016	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Whyalla Civic Centre	Thursday 22nd September 2016	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Bordertown Civic Centre	Monday 26th September 2016	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Moonta Bowling Club	Wednesday 28th September 2016	6:30pm – 9:00pm

Registrations are essential and close one week prior to each training session.

Disclaimer:

SA Water's Business Relations provides recommendations and suggestions only. It is advised that further investigations are detailed studies are completed before any projects are implemented. All applicable standards & guidelines (Australian, EU, AQUIS, HACCP, Australian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines etc.) should be adhered to, and care should be taken to ensure water and wastewater minimisation programs do not negatively impact health or processing operations.