

Burrinjuck Dam

FACT SHEET



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Burrinjuck Dam was the **first major dam built for irrigation in NSW** and the **fourth largest dam in the world** when construction began.
- **Construction of the dam began in 1909**, but due to delays caused by **labour and material shortages during WWI**, the original design was not completed until **20 years later**. However **irrigation supplies** from the dam began in 1912.
- The dam holds **1,026,000 ML of water**, almost **twice as much water** as Sydney Harbour.
- Burrinjuck Dam covers an area of **5,500 ha**, or more than **8,000 football fields**. The catchment area is **12,953 km²**, which is larger than the catchment area of the **whole of the snowy mountains**.
- The name **Burrinjuck** comes from the **Aboriginal words “booren yiack”**, meaning **precipitous mountain**.
- The dam is appropriately named as it **lies between** the **Barren Jack** and **Black Andrew Mountains**.
- Burrinjuck Dam supplies **water for towns, river flows, stock and domestic requirements, irrigated agriculture, industry, flood mitigation and environmental flows**.



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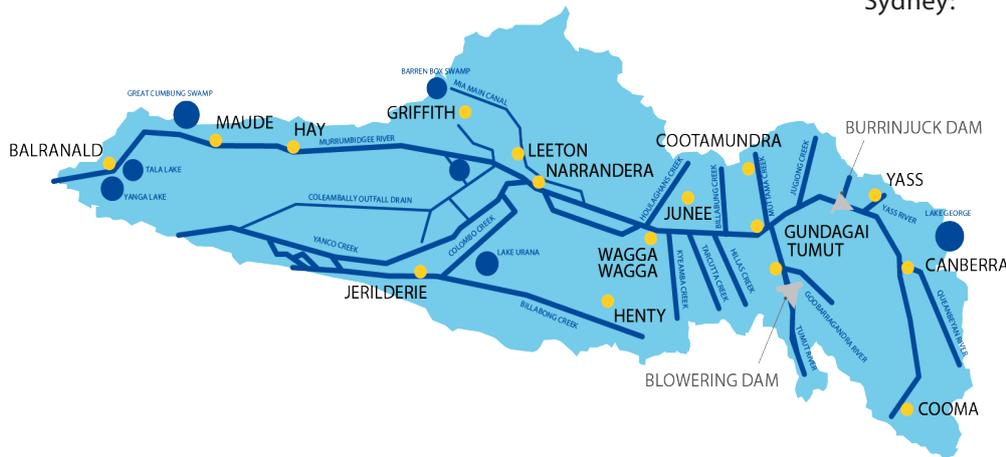
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Height:	93 m
Length:	233 m
Water depth:	61 m
Full supply level:	361 m above sea level
Storage capacity:	1,028,000 ML
Surface area:	5,500 ha
Catchment area:	12,953 km ²
Spillway capacity:	2,506,000 ML per day

Visit Burrinjuck Dam

Burrinjuck Dam is situated high in the mountains of the Great Dividing Range, near the headwaters of the Murrumbidgee River, 60 km from Yass. Burrinjuck Road provides glimpses of the dam wall and spillway, but there is no public access to the dam wall. Burrinjuck Waters State Park covers 75 ha and offers several vantage points with panoramic views of the lake and foreshores.

Locality in NSW



Driving times

Canberra:	1 hour 45 minutes
Wagga Wagga:	2 hours 20 minutes
Albury:	3 hours
Leeton:	3 hours 40 minutes
Sydney:	3 hours 45 minutes

Activities

Lake Burrinjuck is a popular destination for water sports and fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers. The lake is home to Murray cod, yellowbelly, silver perch, brown and rainbow trout, redfin and European carp. There are a variety of bushwalking tracks ranging from easy to more challenging, including the historic Hume and Hovell Walking Track that passes through Burrinjuck Waters State Park.

- Camping
- Water sports
- Picnic areas
- Fishing
- Kiosk
- Swimming
- Boat ramp
- Toilets
- Bushwalking
- Birdwatching
- Shower facilities
- No dogs allowed

📞 If you have questions about visiting Lake Burrinjuck, we recommend you contact Burrinjuck Waters State Park by phone on (02) 6227 8114 or email burrinjuckwaters@reflectionsoliday.com.au.

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