

Lake Cargelligo Project update (December 2025)

Storage level: 51.4%

Storage volume: 21.9 GL

Estimated current inflow: 40 ML/d

Estimated current outflow: 95 ML/d

Planned operations for the next two weeks:

Flow over weir is expected to vary between 500 ML/d to 1,300 ML/d for next 2 weeks.

Lake Cargelligo Embankment Upgrade – Phase Two:

Construction work is progressing well on Phase two of the Lake Cargelligo Embankment Upgrade at Embankments B, C1, C2, and C3. These works will continue until the critical embankment activities have been completed.

Holiday Season shut down

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Construction work hours will continue to be from 6:00am – 6:00pm, seven days per week, weather dependant, so you may notice trucks and machinery in the area. Traffic controls and signage remain in place and exclusion zones are clearly marked. Noise, dust and access will continue to be managed in line with our environmental and safety plans.

The works will **shut down** for the holidays from **Friday, 19 December 2025 to Monday, 5 January 2026**. WaterNSW will have a small crew on call during this period to ensure the compound area and machinery stay secure and to address minor issues that may arise. Safety procedures are in place and the on-call crew can reach out to dam safety if required during this time.

Lake levels

As mentioned in the November update, lake levels will slowly increase to **70%**. We will try to maintain **70%** during the irrigation season, however, levels may vary since Lake Cargelligo water will be used to deliver downstream demand if required.

WaterNSW would like to remind landholders and the local community to be aware of changing river levels and plan their activities accordingly. You can keep up-to-date with information about water resources and management by registering for Water Insights – [WaterInsights](#).

We would also like to thank the community for your continued cooperation and patience during these important works.

Recent works

Work completed from November 2025 includes:

- The contractor (A1 Earthworx) have constructed the B and C3 embankments to within 0.5m of the original dam crest height and works are progressing at a steady rate.
- Sand filter trenches have been installed at Embankment B and C3.
- Majority of seepage collection pipes have been installed with work continuing.
- New valves installed at Embankments B, C2 and C3, however, further work is needed before the valves can be turned on.
- Exploration works on upstream batter on Embankment B completed.
- Completed tree and root ball removal on all embankments, with local Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP) involvement.
- Stakeholders' inlets repaired with new shutters installed as temporary works awaiting final design.

Embankment B progress



Embankment C3 and C2 progress



Lake Cargelligo Business Awards

The Lake Cargelligo Business Awards was held on Friday, 21 November, at the local bowling club where wonderful local businesses, their employees and local community organisations were celebrated.

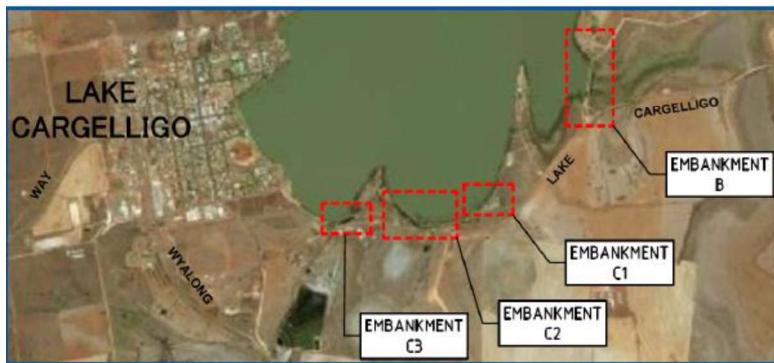
WaterNSW was proud to be a sponsor of this bi-annual event, which was organised by the Lachlan Shire Council, along with the Growing Lachlan community group. Local WaterNSW team members attended the gala evening and presented the Outstanding Business in Agriculture award to Summit Agriculture.



Upcoming work (early 2026)

Upcoming work will include:

- Placement of upstream erosion protection rock (riprap) on Embankment B.
- Install seepage pipes through Nilsson's Lane at Embankment B.



For further information
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