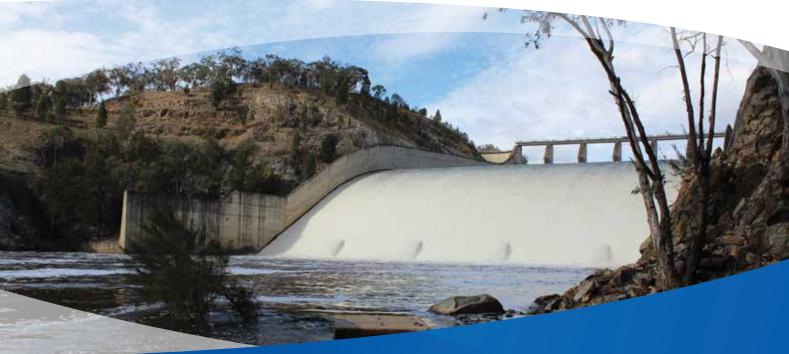
Burrendong Dam

FACT SHEET





FACTS AND FIGURES

- The dam is one of the largest inland dams in NSW three times the size of Sydney Harbour!
- The dam's surface area is equal to nearly 10,000 football fields and its wall is taller than a 25-storey building.
- Burrendong is an Aboriginal word for koala.
- The dam's capacity includes 1,188,000 ML of water storage and a potential 489,000 ML of additional air space for flood mitigation.
- The dam was proposed immediately after World War II to improve town water supplies and boost agricultural production in the Macquarie Valley.
- Construction of the dam started in 1946, but was not completed until 1967 due to financial constraints.
- Cotton is one of the main crops to benefit from irrigation, but water from the dam also assists with the growing of lucerne, cereals, oilseed, wheat and vegetables.
- The dam supplies environmental water to the Macquarie Marshes, one of the largest remaining inland semipermanent wetlands in south-eastern Australia and a major waterbird breeding area.



DID YOU KNOW?

Up-to-date dam information is available at waternsw.com.au

Height: 78 m
Length: 1,116 m
Water depth: 57 m

Full supply level: 344 m above

sea level

Storage capacity: 1,678,000 ML Surface area: 7,200 ha Catchment area: 13,900 km2

Spillway capacity: 1,199,000 ML

per day

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? Visit Burrendong Dam

Burrendong Dam is located in Central West NSW. The dam wall carpark and public lookout is open 24 hours a day, all year round. There is no public transportation to the dam and vehicle access to the BBQ area downstream of the wall is accessible from 7:30am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Entry to the dam is free and visitors are encouraged to take the 6.4 km round trip walk from the dam wall to the spillway.



Driving times

Wellington: 30 minutes

Dubbo: 1 hour 30 minutes **Orange:** 1 hour 30 minutes

Sydney: 5 hours

(*) Activities

Lake Burrendong offers year-round recreation access for fishing enthusiasts, water sports, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picknickers. The lake's foreshores are home to two caravan parks, an arboretum and a sport and recreation centre.









Kiosk

Shower facilities

Boat ramps

Toilets

Bushwalking

Water sports

Birdwatching

🏡 Dogs allowed on leads

If you have questions about visiting Lake Burrendong, we recommend you contact Lake Burrendong Holiday Park by phone on (02) 6846 7435 or email lakeburrendong@reflectionsholiday.com.au

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