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1 Salinity

1.1 Weekly

Weekly Minimum and Maximum Salinity

These values represent the absolute minimum and maximum recorded values from Buoys within each harvest area.

							Minimur	n	Maximum	
Moonlight							31 ppt	•	🗕 📥 38 ppt	
Rocky Point							29 ppt 🔴			
Waterfall						24 ppt 🛑			38 ppt	
	0 1	opt 5 g	opt 10	ppt 15	opt 20 p	opt 25	ppt 30 j	opt 35 ppt	40 ppt	45 ppt

Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 1: These values represent the highest and lowest salinity reading a buoy has recorded in each of the harvest areas in the past week.

7-Day Salinity Average Trend

Average daily salinity at each buoy throughout the Clyde River.

🔤 Waterfall 📲 Moonlight 🔚 Rocky Point									
Rocky Point									
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
Waterfall Creek	34.4 ppt	34.1 ppt	34.3 ppt	34.4 ppt	34.9 ppt	35.2 ppt	34.7 ppt		
Rocky Point	33.5 ppt	33.3 ppt	33.4 ppt	33.7 ppt	34.0 ppt	34.6 ppt	34.3 ppt		
Angry Man Point	31.8 ppt	31.6 ppt	32.0 ppt	32.2 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.8 ppt	32.4 ppt		
Chinamans Point	30.0 ppt	30.0 ppt	30.2 ppt	30.5 ppt	31.0 ppt	31.2 ppt	30.7 ppt		
Waterfall									
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
Buckenbowra Creek	33.6 ppt	33.4 ppt	33.9 ppt	34.3 ppt	34.7 ppt	35.2 ppt	34.8 ppt		
Big Island West	29.3 ppt	29.3 ppt	29.6 ppt	29.8 ppt	30.1 ppt	30.3 ppt	29.3 ppt		
Double Bay	25.2 ppt	25.4 ppt	25.7 ppt	26.0 ppt	25.9 ppt	26.0 ppt	25.8 ppt		
Moonlight									
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
Snapper Point	35.0 ppt	34.8 ppt	34.9 ppt	35.2 ppt	35.5 ppt	35.9 ppt	35.5 ppt		
Wray Street	32.6 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.6 ppt	32.7 ppt	32.9 ppt	32.6 ppt		
Budd Island North	32.4 ppt	32.2 ppt	32.2 ppt	32.3 ppt	32.6 ppt	32.8 ppt	32.2 ppt		
Moonlight									

Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 2: This figure represents the daily average salinity of each of the buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of salinity over the past week for specific locations within harvest areas.

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1.2 Fortnightly

Fortnightly Salinity Average Trend

12-hourly average salinity for each harvest area.



Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 3: This figure represents the daily average salinity of all buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of salinity over the past week.

Fortnightly Average Salinity Trend

Comparison between this weeks average salinity and the average salinity last week. Left pointing arrow means salinity is decreasing, right pointing means salinity is increasing.



Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 4: This figure demonstrates the average difference in salinity for this week compared with the prior week. It displays a longer term, general trend to see if salinity is increasing, stabilising or decreasing.

2 Water Temperature

2.1 Weekly

Weekly Minimum and Maximum Water Temperature

These values represent the absolute minimum and maximum recorded values from Buoys within each harvest area.

	Minimum	Maxin	num		
Moonlight	13.4 °C	18.0) °C		
Rocky Point	13.5 °C	18	3.4 °C		
Waterfall	13.1 °C 🌒	• 16.8 °C			
5.0	°C 10.0 °C	15.0 °C	20.0 °C 25.0	°C 30.0	°C 35.0 °C

Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

📕 Waterfall 📕 Moonlight 📕 Rocky Point

Figure 5: These values represent the highest and lowest temperature reading a buoy has recorded in each of the harvest areas in the past week.

7-Day Temperature Average Trend

Average daily temperature at each buoy throughout the Clyde River.

Rocky Point								
Rocky Point	Friday 15.4 °C	Saturday 15.5 °C	Sunday 15.9 °C	Monday 16.1 °C	Tuesday 16.4 °C	Wednesday 16.5 °C	Thursday 16.2 °C	
Angry Man Point	15.2 °C	15.4 °C	15.7 °C	16.0 °C	16.2 °C	16.3 °C	16.1 °C	
Waterfall Creek	15.4 °C	15.4 °C	15.8 °C	16.0 °C	16.3 °C	16.4 °C	16.1 °C	
Chinamans Point	15.3 °C	15.3 °C	15.7 °C	16.0 °C	16.3 °C	16.3 °C	16.1 °C	
Waterfall								
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Buckenbowra Creek	15.1 °C	15.3 °C	15.6 °C	15.9 °C	16.1 °C	16.2 °C	16.0 °C	
Big Island West	15.0 °C	15.1 °C	15.5 °C	15.7 °C	15.9 °C	16.1 °C	15.9 °C	
Double Bay	15.0 °C	15.0 °C	15.5 °C	15.6 °C	15.7 °C	15.9 °C	15.8 °C	
Moonlight								
5	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Wray Street	15.7 °C	15.7 °C	16.0 °C	16.2 °C	16.4 °C	16.5 °C	16.3 °C	
Budd Island North	15.7 °C	15.7 °C	16.1 °C	16.2 °C	16.5 °C	16.5 °C	16.3 °C	
Snapper Point	15.7 °C	15.8 °C	16.0 °C	16.2 °C	16.4 °C	16.4 °C	16.3 °C	
Moonlight	15.7 °C	15.7 °C	16.0 °C	16.2 °C	16.4 °C	16.6 °C	16.3 °C	

Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C)

Source: FarmDecisionTECH $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Created with Datawrapper

Figure 6: This figure represents the daily average temperature of each of the buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of temperature over the past week for specific locations within harvest areas.

2.2 Fortnightly

Fortnightly Average Temperature Trend

12-hourly average temperature for each harvest area.



Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C). Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 7: This figure represents the daily average temperature of all buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of temperature over the past week.

Fortnightly Average Temperature Trend

Comparison between this weeks average temperature and the average temperature last week.



Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C)

Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 8: This figure demonstrates the average difference in temperature for this week compared with the prior week. It displays a longer term, general trend to see if temperature is increasing, stabilising or decreasing.

2.3 Historical



Historical and Current Average Monthly Water Temperature

Monthly average water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 9: Monthly average water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

Historical and Current Maximum Monthly Water Temperature

Monthly maximum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22) years. Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.



Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C). Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 10: Monthly maximum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

Historical and Current Minimum Monthly Water Temperature

Monthly minimum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22) years. Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.



Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C). Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 11: Monthly minimum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

3 Precipitation

3.1 Weekly

7-Day Clyde River Precipitation

Daily total precipitation. Weather station is located on Budd Island.



Precipitation is measured in millimeters (mm). 1 mm of rainfall is equal to 1 litre of water per meter squared. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 12: Daily total precipitation at Budd Island for the past week.

3.2 Yearly

Year-to-Date Precipitation

Accumulation of rainfall since the start of the year. Other years are shown in reference to this year.



Rainfall is displayed in millimetres (mm). Created with Datawrapper



4 Flow Rate from Tributaries

4.1 Fortnightly



Brooman Tributary Fortnightly Discharge rate

Daily discharge rate totals for Brooman Tributary. This station is roughly 20 km North of the Clyde River.

Values represent megalitres per day (ML/day). A mega litre is equal to 1 million litres. Data: © State of New South Wales through WaterNSW. Quality Codes: 140 = Current rating - may be subject to change, 145 = Telemetry system added point, 255 = Dataset not complete Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 14: Fortnightly (daily total) water discharge from Brooman.



Buckenbowra Tributary Fortnightly Discharge rate

Daily discharge rate totals for Buckenbowra Tributary. This station is roughly 8 km West of the Clyde River.

Values represent megalitres per day (ML/day). A mega litre is equal to 1 million litres. Quality Codes: 140 = Best available data, 145 = Data under review, 255 = Dataset not complete

Chart: © State of New South Wales through WaterNSW • Created with Datawrapper



4.2 Yearly

Cumulative Daily Discharge-Rate Brooman

Cumulative daily water flow for each year from Brooman into the Clyde River. Units represent mega litres (ML). One ML is equal to 1 million litres.



Data: © State of New South Wales through WaterNSW Chart: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

Figure 16: Compares this years total water discharge against previous years. Drought years (2018 and 2019) are shown for comparison.