

# Clyde River Water Quality Report

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### **Foreword**

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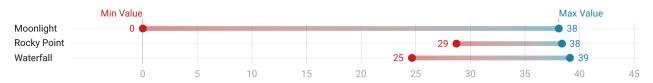
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### 1.1 Weekly

# **Weekly Minimum and Maximum Salinity Clyde River**

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



Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L.

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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 Clyde River

Average daily salinity at each buoy throughout the Clyde River.

Rocky Point Waterfall Moonlight										
Rocky Point										
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Waterfall Creek	34.3 ppt	34.4 ppt	34.5 ppt	34.7 ppt	34.9 ppt	35.0 ppt	35.1 ppt			
Rocky Point	33.4 ppt	33.5 ppt	33.7 ppt	33.9 ppt	34.1 ppt	34.3 ppt	34.4 ppt			
Angry Man Point	32.0 ppt	32.1 ppt	32.2 ppt	32.4 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.7 ppt	32.8 ppt			
Chinamans Point	30.2 ppt	30.3 ppt	30.5 ppt	30.7 ppt	30.9 ppt	31.0 ppt	31.1 ppt			
Waterfall										
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Buckenbowra Creek	33.9 ppt	34.1 ppt	34.3 ppt	34.5 ppt	34.7 ppt	34.9 ppt	35.0 ppt			
Big Island West	29.6 ppt	29.7 ppt	29.8 ppt	29.9 ppt	30.0 ppt	30.2 ppt	30.4 ppt			
Double Bay	25.7 ppt	25.9 ppt	25.9 ppt	25.9 ppt	26.0 ppt	26.0 ppt	26.1 ppt			
Moonlight										
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Snapper Point	34.9 ppt	35.1 ppt	35.2 ppt	35.4 ppt	35.5 ppt	35.6 ppt	35.8 ppt			
Wray Street	32.5 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.6 ppt	32.7 ppt	32.7 ppt	32.8 ppt	32.9 ppt			
Budd Island North	32.2 ppt	32.2 ppt	32.3 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.5 ppt	32.6 ppt	32.7 ppt			
Moonlight										

Units represent parts per thousand (ppt). This is equivalent to both g/kg and g/L.

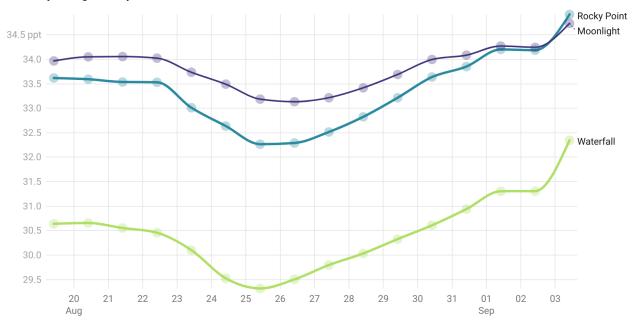
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Figure 2: This figure represents the daily average salinity of each of the buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of salinity over the past week for specific locations within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

# 1.2 Fortnightly

# **Fortnightly Salinity Average Trend Clyde River**

12-hourly average salinity for each harvest area.



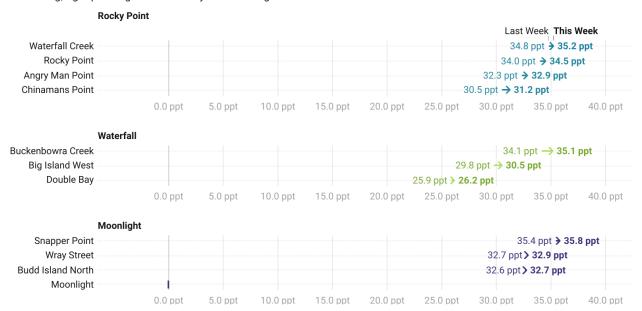
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Figure 3: This figure represents the daily average salinity of all buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of salinity over the past week.

# Fortnightly Average Salinity Trend Clyde River

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.

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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 Clyde River

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



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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 Clyde River

Average daily temperature at each buoy throughout the Clyde River.

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

Temperature is displayed in degrees Celsius (°C)

Source: FarmDecisionTECH • 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 Clyde River**

12-hourly average temperature for each harvest area.

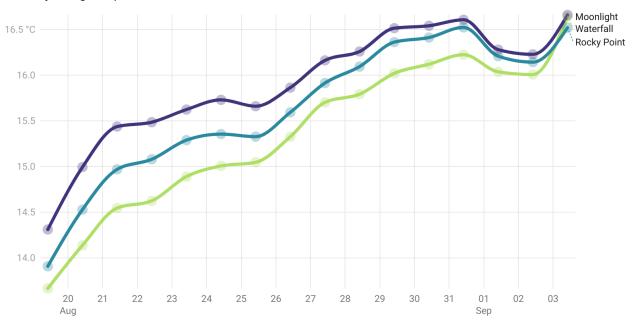


Figure 7: This figure represents the daily average temperature of all buoys contained within a harvest area. Its designed to reduce the impact of tides and provide the general trend of temperature over the past week.

# **Fortnightly Average Temperature Trend Clyde River**

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

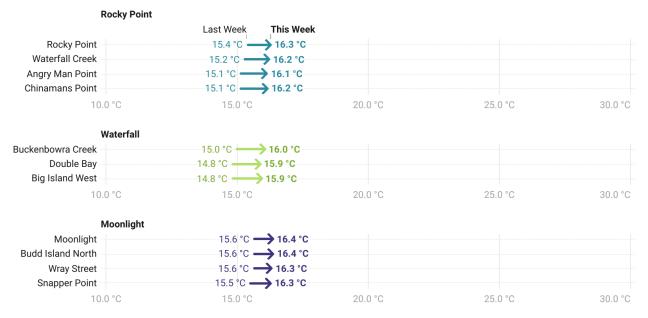


Figure 8: This figure demonstrates the average difference in temperature for this week compared with the prior week. It displays a longer term, general trend to see if temperature is increasing, stabilising or decreasing.

### 2.3 Historical

### **Historical and Current Average Monthly Water Temperature Clyde River**

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



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 Clyde River**

Monthly maximum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-23) years. Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

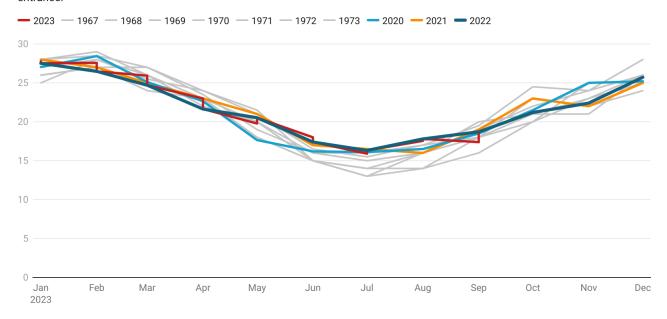


Figure 10: Monthly maximum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

# **Historical and Current Minimum Monthly Water Temperature Clyde River**

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

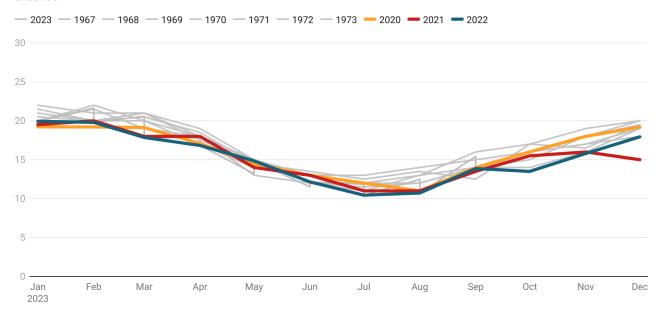


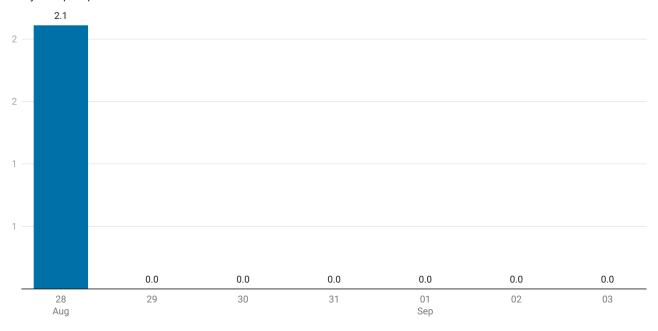
Figure 11: Monthly minimum water temperature from historical (1967-73) and recent (2020-22). Measured close to the Clyde River entrance.

# 3 Precipitation

### 3.1 Weekly

# 7-Day Clyde River Precipitation Clyde River

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



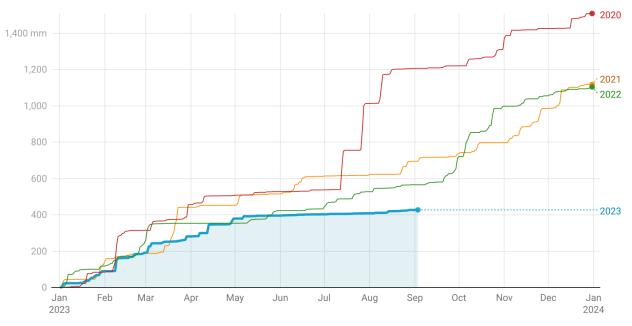
Precipitation is measured in millimeters (mm). 1 mm of rainfall is equal to 1 litre of water per meter squared. Source: FarmDecisionTECH • Created with Datawrapper

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

### 3.2 Yearly

### **Year-to-Date Precipitation Clyde River**

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



Rainfall is displayed in millimetres (mm).

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Figure 13: Compares this years total precipitation against previous years.

### 4 Flow Rate from Tributaries

### 4.1 Fortnightly

### **Brooman Tributary Fortnightly Discharge rate Clyde River**

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

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

# **Buckenbowra Tributary Fortnightly Discharge rate Clyde River**

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

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Figure 15: Fortnightly (daily total) water discharge from Buckenbowra.

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### 4.2 Yearly

# **Cumulative Daily Discharge-Rate Brooman Clyde River**

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.



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