



Rising river alert

A 'rising river alert' has been issued for today for the upper reaches of the Snowy River.

The river will rise due to the first high-flow event in a series of five planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River during winter and spring 2016.

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 7am to 3pm today and will be equivalent to 2236 megalitres per day for the eight-hour period. Water released at Jindabyne will take about six hours to reach Dalgety Weir at this flow rate.

For the remainder of the

day, the flow rate will be equivalent to 1700 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to 632 megalitres per day tomorrow.

The environmental changes from this release are expected to be greatest between the dam wall to the junction with the Delegate River. However, the pulse will be noticeable down to the estuary in Marlo.

It is expected to see the river water level at Dalgety rise from 0.93m to 1.26m, a rise of 0.33m.

This is one of four secondary high-flow events for 2016, with water released from the cone valves at Jindabyne Dam.

This high-flow event for 2016 has been officially named 'Waawii', which means water spirit, in recognition of the Wongalu traditional people, who have an enduring and strong connection to the Snowy Mountains and the Snowy River.

All five high-flow events in the Snowy River during winter and spring 2016 have been named by the regional Aboriginal communities - Bidwell-Maap, Wongalu, Southern Monero-YuinBolga, Maneroo-Ngarigo and Wiradjuri - who recognise the link between these high flows and the health of the Snowy River.

