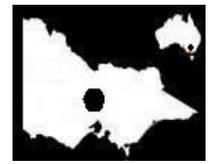


# THE SPRING FORECAST

## FOR CENTRAL VICTORIA 2012



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### THE GROWING SEASON FINALLY COMMENCED

Two good rain events fell across most of the Lower Murray Darling Basin (LMDB) in late-June and early-July. These events were better than I had expected, given the well-developed El Nino condition present at the time and the fact that cold Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies had surrounded most of Australia from mid-March onwards. The transit of Venus passing directly between the Sun and the Earth (5th June) was the positive force that helped produce most of that rainfall. (It just goes to show, I should not have discounted the power of Venus as much as I did.) Venus has now moved on and will not provide this very positive force for our rainfall again this year.

### THE YEAR SO FAR

The late start to this year's growing season has already significantly compromised most winter crops. The Chinese Effect is now becoming active again. El Nino has produced cold water anomalies skirting most of Australia's coast line. These factors have placed the LMDB firmly in the below-average rainfall condition. The Bendigo region received a greater percentage of its rain than most other places in the LMDB. The Bendigo rainfall tally is close to average. Most of that rain fell in four short above-average events (late-Feb, early-March, late-June, early-July). During those short peak periods, the rain was falling at over 200% of the weekly average. Between those four high-rainfall periods, we had many weeks with well-below average rainfall. I will repeat this very important message. These brief periods of above average-rainfall were triggered by the peak forces of the Lunar Air Tides, which were enhanced by the close proximity to Earth of one or more of the planets at those times. There will be no such positive planetary influences during the next two months.

### THE WATER AUTHORITIES DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DOMINATING CLIMATE CYCLES

This year the Victorian Government / G-M Water have continued to show a total lack of understanding of the climate cycles. During August they began flood mitigation releases from Lake Eildon, when it was only 93% full. This was done in the face of below-average Spring forecasts by BOM and many others like myself. At that stage it was very clear we had a developing El Nino condition ready to reduce future inflows. During the last two years of the last La Nina cycle (which also included the peak of the 18.6 year lunar flood cycle and the peaking 19.8 year Synodic flood cycle of Jupiter/Saturn) they refused to mitigate any flood risk. Back then was the correct time to dump "heaps" of water, not this year. It appears the storage volumes were arrested from rising by about 6% during August and July. There is now only a 50-50 chance to fill our system to full capacity this year, in preparation for the below-average seasons ahead.

### LUNAR AND COSMIC FORCES WILL NOT BE POSITIVE UNTIL LATE SPRING

During early and mid-Spring, the moon will be progressing through the next neutral phase of this year's lunar cycle. This will result in the lunar air tides remaining weaker than average, resulting in most rainfall events being little better than passing sporadic showers across the LMDB. During late-Spring and early-Summer, a strong peak in the north east lunar air tides will develop. This will occur close to the new moon phases while the Earth is closest to Jupiter. During the first week of Summer, the Earth will be passing between the Sun and Jupiter. I forecast this planetary alignment will bring forth damaging thunderstorms, close to mid-November and mid-December.

### SPRING FORECAST **In brief, many weeks of below-average rainfall lie ahead of us.**

Reducing rainfall trends since mid-July can be expected to continue until mid-October. Mid-November to Christmas is the most likely time for the next short period of above-average rainfall.

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