



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- Keepit was the **first of three dams** built and operated in the **Namoi River Basin**. The other two are Chaffey on the Peel River and Split Rock on the Manilla River.
- **Construction began in 1939** but was **halted in 1941 due to WWII**. Work on the dam **restarted in 1946** and was **completed in 1960**.
- The dam has a **storage capacity of 425,000 ML**, equal to the size of **Sydney Harbour**.
- Keepit Dam is named after a **property called “Keypit”**, upon which the dam was built.
- **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’s primary use is for **irrigation in the Namoi Valley** as well as **town water supply for Walgett**.
- Keepit Dam is currently undergoing the **second stage** of a **major upgrade**. The dam is being **upgraded** in line with **modern day safety requirements**.
- The current work involves the **installation of post-tensioned cables** on the concrete section of the dam wall. **Additional strengthening works** are also being carried out on the **spillway section** of the dam, extending the works further until **late 2020**.



### DID YOU KNOW?

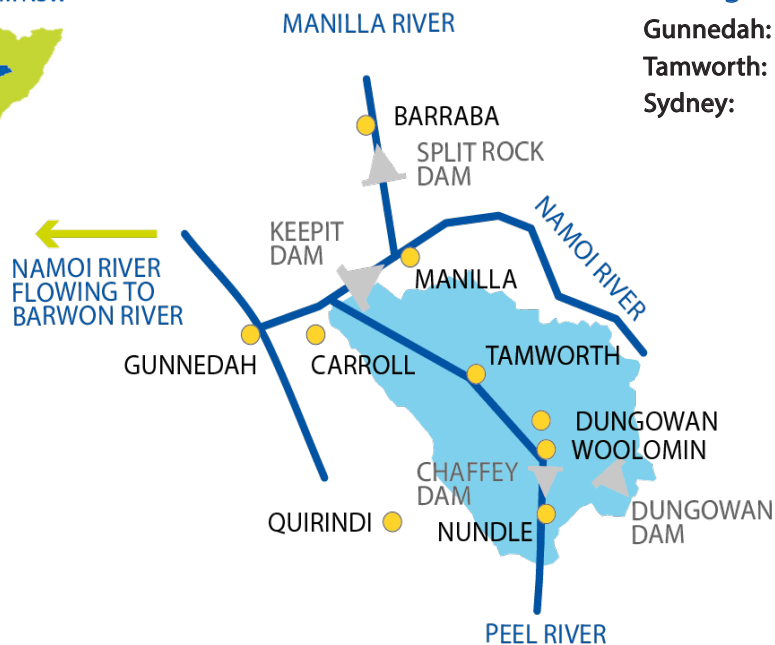
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<b>Height:</b>	55 m
<b>Length:</b>	533 m
<b>Water depth:</b>	48 m
<b>Full supply level:</b>	329.6 m above sea level
<b>Storage capacity:</b>	425,510 ML
<b>Surface area:</b>	4,370 ha
<b>Catchment area:</b>	5,700 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Spillway capacity:</b>	905,000 ML per day

## Visit Keepit Dam

Keepit Dam is situated on the Namoi River, 56km west of Tamworth and 39km north-east of Gunnedah on the north-west slopes of the NSW Northern Tablelands. Entry is free and the dam grounds are open 24 hours a day, all year round. Visitors are encouraged to visit the Tolcumbah lookout just south of the dam wall for excellent views of the wall, lake and the surrounding countryside. Public access to the dam wall is not permitted from April 2017 until late 2020 due to construction from the Keepit Dam Upgrade, however a viewing and turning area is available on approach to the main wall.

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### Driving times

<b>Gunnedah:</b>	35 minutes
<b>Tamworth:</b>	45 minutes
<b>Sydney:</b>	5 hours 15 minutes

## Activities

Lake Keepit is a popular inland sport and recreation destination, offering year-round attractions for water sports and fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers.. The lake foreshores are home to a popular holiday park and a NSW Sport and Recreation Centre.



Camping



Playground



Picnic areas



Fishing



Kiosk



Boat ramps



Toilets



Bushwalking



Water sports



Birdwatching

 If you have questions about visiting Lake Keepit, we recommend you contact Inland Waters Holiday Parks by phone on (02) 6769 7605 or email [info@lakekeepit.com.au](mailto:info@lakekeepit.com.au).

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