Appendix A – Overview of Groundwater Observation Well Data



		Observation Wells			Second			Total Number of Registered Wells Correlated to Each Mapped Aquifer
Water Regions	Active Provincial Groundwater Observation Wells used in 2021 Analysis	Active RDN Volunteer Observation Wells (Site Name and Number) used in 2021 Analysis	Mapped Aquifer Number and Type	Historical Groundwater Level Trend (2013-2021)	Seasonal Groundwater Level Trend 2021	Associated Groundwater Level Charts (Figure #)	Water Service Wells (Provided by the RDN) Correlated to Each Mapped Aquifer	
Little Qualicum	OW 389	-	664-Surficial (UNC)	Increasing	Below	<ul><li>Figure B1</li><li>Figure C1</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Town of Qualicum Beach – 9 Wells</li> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 2 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 1 Well</li> </ul>	43
French Creek	-	Rinvold (VOW 16)	217-Surficial (CON)	Large Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B2</li><li>Figure C2</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Town of Qualicum Beach – 6 Wells</li> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 7 Wells</li> <li>EPCOR Utilities – 1 Well</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 12 Wells</li> </ul>	33
	-	Lowrys (VOW 15)	212 – Bedrock	Increasing	Average	<ul><li>Figure B3</li><li>Figure C3</li></ul>	Small Water Systems - 1 Well	19
Englishman River	OW 314 and OW 424	Hodges (VOW 14) and Fourneau (VOW 01)	216-Surficial (CON)	Increasing	Average	<ul> <li>Figure B4-B7</li> <li>Figure C4-C7</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>City of Parksville – 20 Wells</li> <li>EPCOR Utilities – 5 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 6 Wells</li> </ul>	22
	OW 287	Middlegate (VOW 18)	220 – Bedrock	Large Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B8-B9</li><li>Figure B8-B9</li></ul>	<ul> <li>BC Parks - Vancouver Island Region – 1 Well</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 7 Wells</li> </ul>	279
	-	Biggs (VOW 12)	167-Surficial (CON)	Increasing	Average	<ul><li>Figure B10</li><li>Figure C10</li></ul>	• Small Water Systems - 2 Wells	18
Nanoose and South Wellington	OW 388	-	211 – Bedrock	Large Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B11</li><li>Figure C11</li></ul>	• Small Water Systems - 2 Wells	214
	-	Sea Blush (VOW 13), Northwind (VOW 02) and Elm (VOW 03)	213 – Bedrock	Increasing	Below	<ul><li>Figure B12-B14</li><li>Figure C12-C14</li></ul>	• Small Water Systems - 14 Wells	132
	-	B2 (VOW 30), B3 (VOW 31), B4 (VOW 32), B7 (VOW 33) and B9 (VOW 34)	214 – Bedrock	Large Decline to Increasing	Average	<ul><li>Figure B15-B19</li><li>Figure C15-C19</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 1 Well</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 3 Wells</li> </ul>	40
	-	NWB (VOW 27) and Florence (VOW 26)	218 – Bedrock	Moderate Decline to Increasing	Average	<ul><li>Figure B20-B21</li><li>Figure C20-C21</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 2 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 5 Wells</li> </ul>	41
	-	Southwind (VOW 28)	215-Surficial (CON)	Moderate Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B22</li><li>Figure C22</li></ul>	<ul> <li>District of Lantzville – 7 Wells</li> <li>Nanoose First Nation – 3 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 5 Wells</li> </ul>	142
	OW 393 and OW 396	Sanders (VOW 25)	219-Surficial (CON)	Stable to Increasing	Above	<ul><li>Figure B23-B25</li><li>Figure C23-C25</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 9 Wells</li> <li>EPCOR Utilities – 1 Well</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 9 Wells</li> </ul>	53
	-	<b>O3</b> (VOW 29) and <b>O7</b> (VOW 17)	1098-Surficial (CON)	Stable to Increasing	Average	<ul><li>Figure B26-B27</li><li>Figure C26-C27</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Qualicum School District – 2 Wells</li> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 14 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 1 Well</li> </ul>	89
Gabriola	OW 316	Mander (VOW 08) and Descansco (VOW 07)	709 – Bedrock	Large Decline to Stable	Below	<ul><li>Figure B28-B30</li><li>Figure C28-C30</li></ul>	• Small Water Systems - 9 Wells	1042
Nanaimo River	-	Hallberg (VOW 04)	160-Surficial (CON)	Increasing	Below	<ul><li>Figure B31</li><li>Figure C31</li></ul>	Small Water Systems - 1 Well	36
	-	Brightman (VOW 24)	163-Surficial (CON)	Large Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B32</li><li>Figure C32</li></ul>	None	17
	OW 432	Pylades (VOW 06), DeCourcy (VOW 19), Ritten (VOW 20), Rosalie (VOW 21), Gould (VOW 22) and Haro (VOW 23)	162 – Bedrock	Moderate Decline	Below	<ul><li>Figure B33-B39</li><li>Figure C33-C39</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regional District of Nanaimo – 1 Wells</li> <li>Chemainus First Nation – 6 Wells</li> <li>Shell Beach Water Utility – 4 Wells</li> <li>Small Water Systems - 21 Wells</li> </ul>	1237
	OW 435	Grandom (VOW 05)	165 – Bedrock	Moderate Decline to Stable	Average	<ul><li>Figure B40-B41</li><li>Figure C40-C41</li></ul>	• Small Water Systems - 5 Wells	327

Notes: - indicates no data available; CON indicates surficial aquifer is confined; UNC indicates surficial aquifer is unconfined; The total number of registered wells, including private domestic wells, correlated to an aquifer were obtained from the Provincial wells database (BC MoE, 2021)



# 1.0 COMMENTS FROM THE GROUNDWATER LEVEL ANALYSIS

It was determined after reviewing the Provincial Groundwater Observation Well Network (PGOWN) database, that 13 Observation Wells (OW) did not have new or updated groundwater level data, that was useful for the groundwater level trend analysis at the time of reporting in 2021. The OW locations excluded from the 2021 groundwater level analysis resulted in no trends being reported for the following aquifers:

# **Big Qualicum Water Region:**

- Aquifer 416-Surficial (CON); and
- Aquifer 665-Surficial (UNC).

# Little Qualicum Water Region:

• Aquifer 662-Surficial (CON).

# Nanaimo River Water Region:

• Aquifer 161-Surficial (UNC).

With fewer OW's included in the 2021 groundwater level analysis, as compared to the 2020 analysis (Waterline, 2020), some historical groundwater level trends changed because of sparser temporal (period of record) and or sparser spatial (less wells to review) data. Aquifers where this was observed included:

### French Creek Water Region:

1. Aquifer 217-Surficial (UNC). In 2020 the historical trend was "moderate decline" whereas in 2021 the trend is "large decline". No new OW data was available in 2021, with the one Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Volunteer Observation Well (VOW) only having 3-years of data.

### Nanoose and South Wellington Water Region:

- 1. Aquifer 218-Bedrock. In 2020 the historical trend was "stable to increasing" whereas in 2021 the trend is "moderate decline to increasing". No new OW data was available in 2021, with the two VOWs only having 3-years of data.
- 2. Aquifer 215-Surficial (CON). In 2020 the historical trend was "stable" whereas in 2021 the trend is "moderate decline". No new OW data was available in 2021, with the one VOW only having 3-years of data.
- 3. Aquifer 1098-Surficial (CON). In 2020 the historical trend was "moderate decline to stable" whereas in 2021 the trend is "stable to increasing". No new OW data was available in 2021, with the two VOWs only having 5-years of data. It should be noted that one of the VOW (O7) was added to the analysis in 2021.

### Nanaimo River Water Region:

1. Aquifer 163-Surficial (CON). In 2020 the historical trend was "increasing" whereas in 2021 the trend is "large decline". No new OW data was available in 2021, with the one VOW only having 3-years of data.



The reported groundwater conditions are still seen as locally representative for the abovementioned aquifers. However, the reliability of 2021 trends in comparison to the 2020 analysis should be flagged as less "comprehensive" considering the shortfall in available data from the PGOWN at the time of the analysis. As was previously reported, multiple wells in one mapped aquifer can display different long-term trends based on the nature of the aquifer properties (heterogeneity, recharge variability, etc.) and/or local effects from pumping.



Appendix B – Long-Term Groundwater Level Trend Results



CHART NUMBER	WATER REGION	OBS WELL NUMBER	AQUIFER	AQUIFER TYPE	TRENDLINE EQUATION* (y = mx + b)						
					m	b	Date Range (whole years)	X-Start	X- End	RESULT	
1	Little Qualicum	OW389	664	Surficial	1.0E-04	2.6	2013-2020	6.69	6.98	DIFFERENCE = 3.7 cm/year	
2	French Creek	VOW 16	217	Surficial	-4.0E-04	126.6	2018-2020	109.31	108.87	DIFFERENCE = -14.6 cm/year	
3	FIERCITCIEEK	VOW 15	212	Bedrock	5.5E-03	-215.0	2018-2020	22.07	28.47	DIFFERENCE = 213.4 cm/year	
4		OW 314	216	Surficial	3.0E-04	50.1	2013-2020	62.52	63.40	DIFFERENCE = 11 cm/year	
5		OW 424	216	Surficial	3.0E-04	74.8	2013-2020	87.23	88.11	DIFFERENCE = 11 cm/year	
6	Englishman River	VOW 14	216	Surficial	3.0E-04	19.1	2018-2020	32.06	32.39	DIFFERENCE = 11 cm/year	
7		VOW 01	216	Surficial	2.0E-04	34.9	2014-2020	43.27	43.78	DIFFERENCE = 7.3 cm/year	
8		OW 287	220	Bedrock	-7.0E-04	136.3	2013-2020	107.40	105.35	DIFFERENCE = -25.6 cm/year	
9		VOW 18	220	Bedrock	3.0E-04	145.8	2018-2020	158.69	159.02	DIFFERENCE = 11 cm/year	
10		VOW 12	167	Surficial	2.0E-04	77.8	2017-2020	86.36	86.65	DIFFERENCE = 7.3 cm/year	
11		OW 388	211	Bedrock	-1.8E-03	211.5	2013-2020	137.18	131.92	DIFFERENCE = -65.7 cm/year	
12		VOW 02	213	Bedrock	1.0E-03	7.0	2014-2020	48.62	51.18	DIFFERENCE = 36.5 cm/year	
13		VOW 03	213	Bedrock	6.0E-04	53.0	2013-2020	77.77	79.53	DIFFERENCE = 21.9 cm/year	
14	Nanoose and South Wellington	VOW 13	213	Bedrock	-7.0E-04	156.2	2017-2020	126.31	125.29	DIFFERENCE = -25.6 cm/year	
15		VOW 30	214	Bedrock	1.9E-03	-80.7	2016-2020	-0.23	3.24	DIFFERENCE = 69.4 cm/year	
16		VOW 31	214	Bedrock	3.4E-03	-141.4	2016-2020	2.67	8.88	DIFFERENCE = 124.2 cm/year	
17		VOW 32	214	Bedrock	1.8E-03	-74.5	2016-2020	1.74	5.03	DIFFERENCE = 65.8 cm/year	
18		VOW 33	214	Bedrock	-1.5E-03	69.0	2016-2020	5.49	2.75	DIFFERENCE = -54.8 cm/year	
19		VOW 34	214	Bedrock	7.0E-04	-31.4	2016-2020	-1.72	-0.44	DIFFERENCE = 25.6 cm/year	
20		VOW 27	218	Bedrock	-1.0E-04	72.6	2018-2020	68.33	68.22	DIFFERENCE = -3.7 cm/year	
21		VOW 26	218	Bedrock	1.1E-03	36.5	2018-2020	83.87	85.07	DIFFERENCE = 40.2 cm/year	
22		VOW 28	215	Surficial	-9.0E-05	17.2	2018-2020	13.36	13.26	DIFFERENCE = -3.3 cm/year	
23		OW 393	219	Surficial	9.0E-05	83.0	2013-2020	86.72	86.99	DIFFERENCE = 3.3 cm/year	
24		OW 396	219	Surficial	4.0E-05	22.7	2013-2020	24.31	24.43	DIFFERENCE = 1.5 cm/year	
25		VOW 25	219	Surficial	5.0E-04	3.8	2018-2020	25.31	25.85	DIFFERENCE = 18.3 cm/year	
26		VOW 29	1098	Surficial	8.0E-05	-4.5	2016-2020	-1.07	-0.93	DIFFERENCE = 2.9 cm/year	
27		VOW 17	1098	Surficial	1.1E-03	-32.5	2016-2020	14.13	16.14	DIFFERENCE = 40.2 cm/year	
28		OW 316	709	Bedrock	-1.0E-05	64.8	2013-2020	64.43	64.41	DIFFERENCE = -0.4 cm/year	
29	Gabriola	VOW 08	709	Bedrock	-4.0E-04	26.3	2014-2020	9.68	8.65	DIFFERENCE = -14.6 cm/year	
30		VOW 07	709	Bedrock	-2.0E-04	14.5	2014-2020	6.20	5.69	DIFFERENCE = -7.3 cm/year	
31		VOW 04	160	Surficial	1.0E-04	30.6	2014-2020	34.73	34.99	DIFFERENCE = 3.7 cm/year	
32		VOW 24	163	Surficial	-7.0E-04	75.3	2018-2020	45.18	44.41	DIFFERENCE = -25.6 cm/year	
33		OW 432	162	Bedrock	-2.0E-04	53.0	2014-2020	44.66	44.15	DIFFERENCE = -7.3 cm/year	
34		VOW 06	162	Bedrock	-1.0E-04	8.1	2014-2020	3.91	3.65	DIFFERENCE = -3.7 cm/year	
35		VOW 19	162	Bedrock	1.4E-03	-22.0	2018-2020	38.35	39.89	DIFFERENCE = 51.1 cm/year	
36	Nanaimo River	VOW 20	162	Bedrock	-4.0E-05	33.4	2018-2020	31.68	31.64	DIFFERENCE = -1.5 cm/year	
37		VOW 21	162	Bedrock	1.4E-03	-34.4	2018-2020	25.99	27.53	DIFFERENCE = 51.1 cm/year	
38		VOW 22	162	Bedrock	2.0E-04	21.8	2018-2020	30.40	30.62	DIFFERENCE = 7.3 cm/year	
39		VOW 23	162	Bedrock	-3.0E-06	6.1	2018-2020	6.02	6.02	DIFFERENCE = -0.1 cm/year	
40		OW 435	165	Bedrock	-2.0E-04	34.4	2014-2020	26.07	25.55	DIFFERENCE = -7.3 cm/year	
41		VOW 05	165	Bedrock	4.0E-05	23.7	2014-2020	25.33	25.43	DIFFERENCE = 1.5 cm/year	

#### Table B1: Long-Term Groundwater Level Trend Results for the VOWN and PGOWN in 2021

Notes:

**OW** - Wells associated with the PGOWN

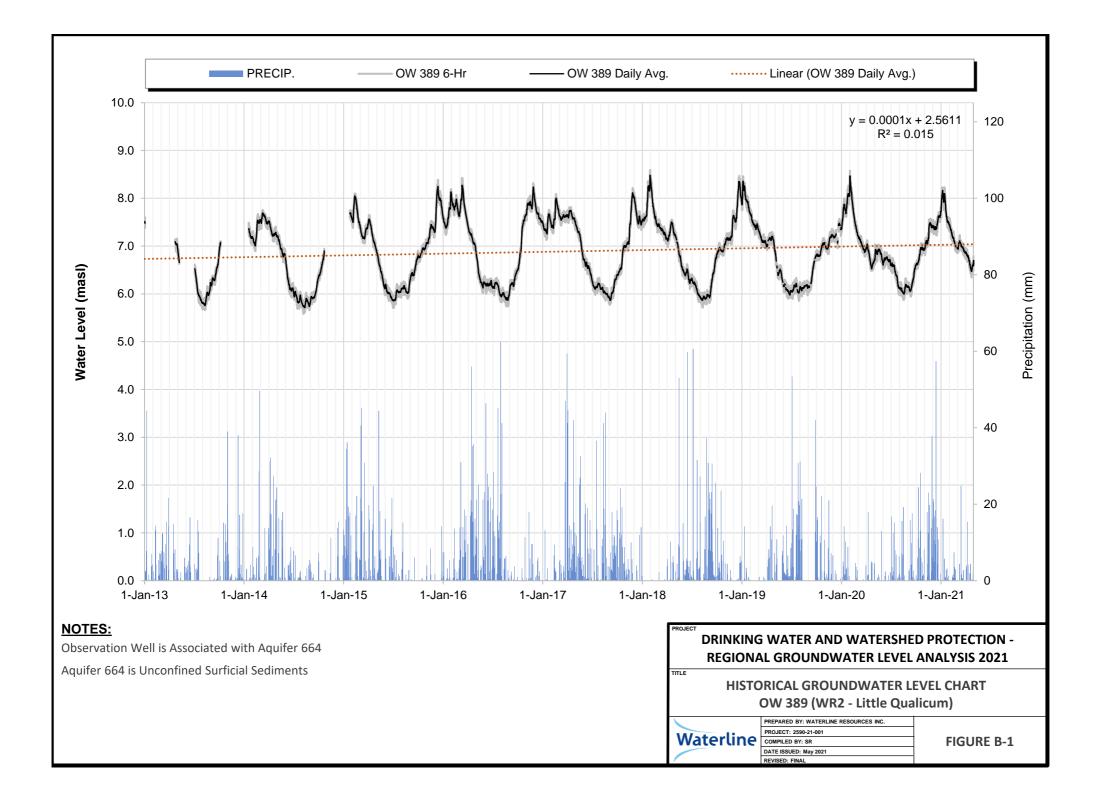
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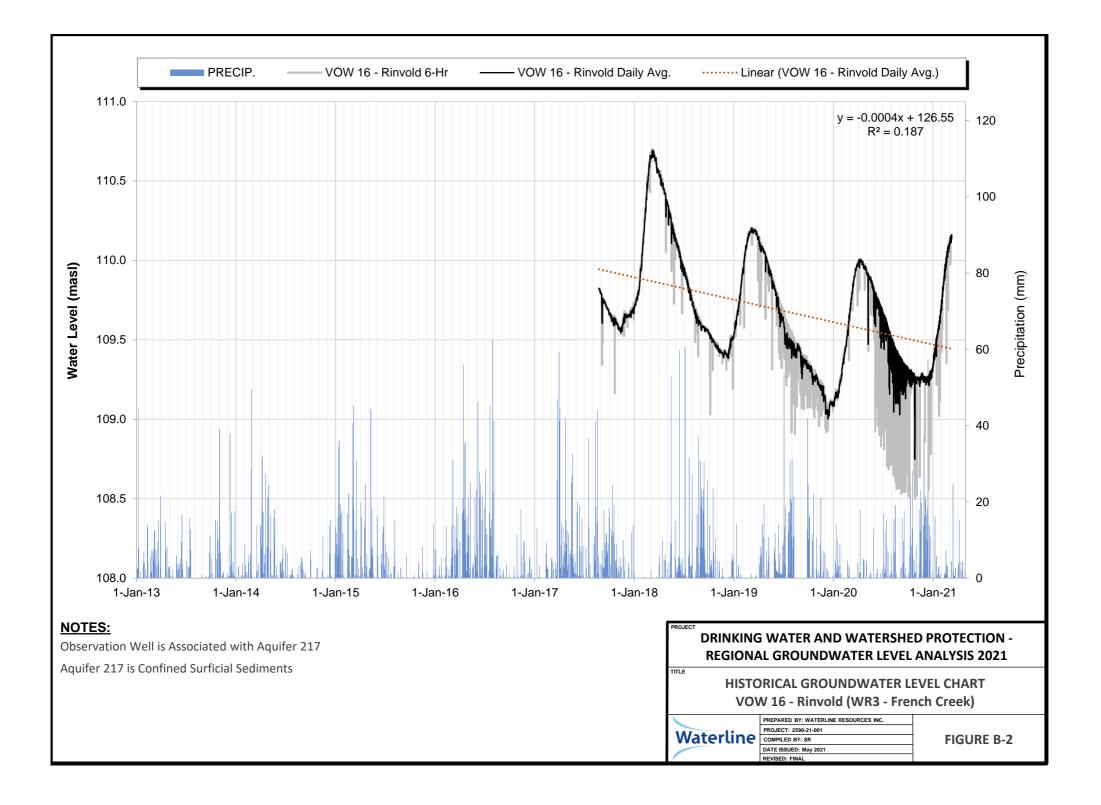
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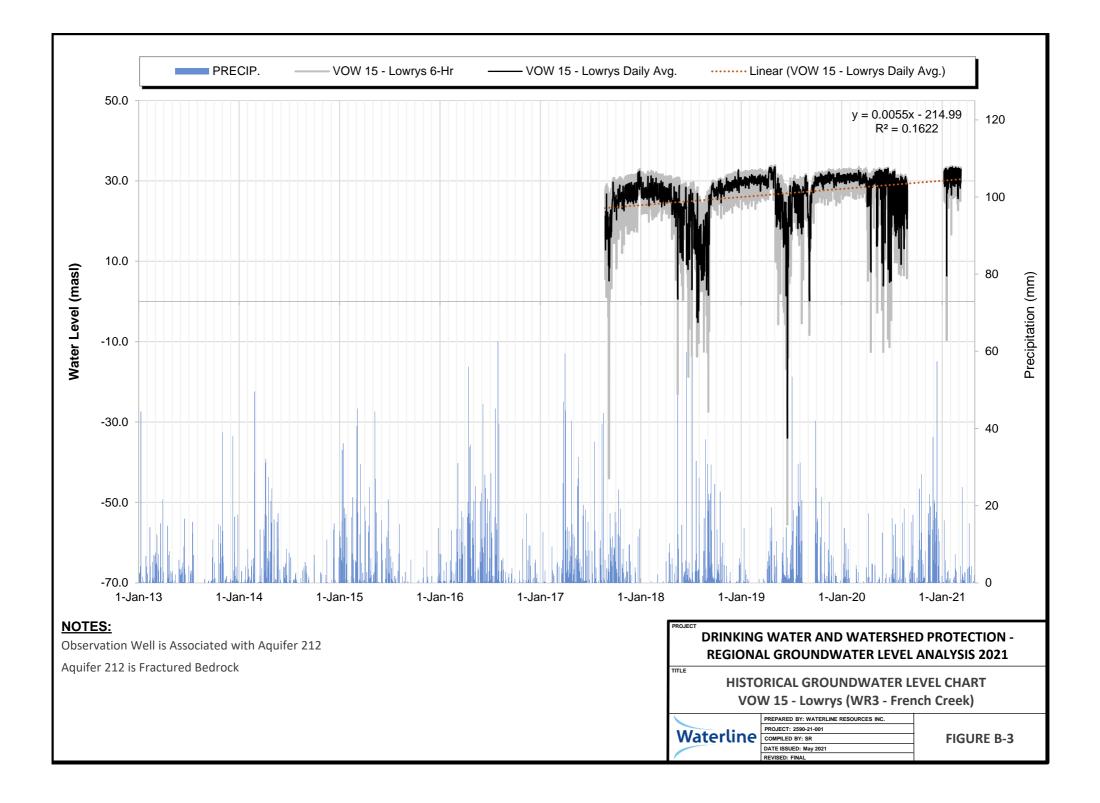
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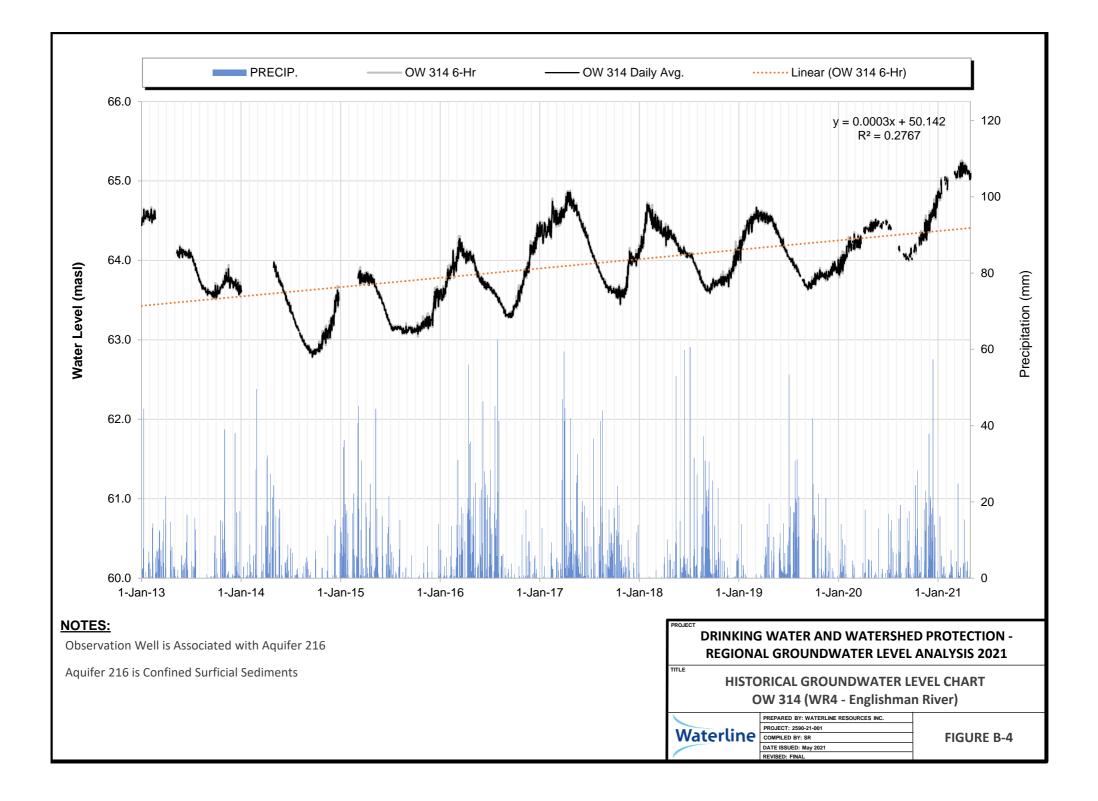
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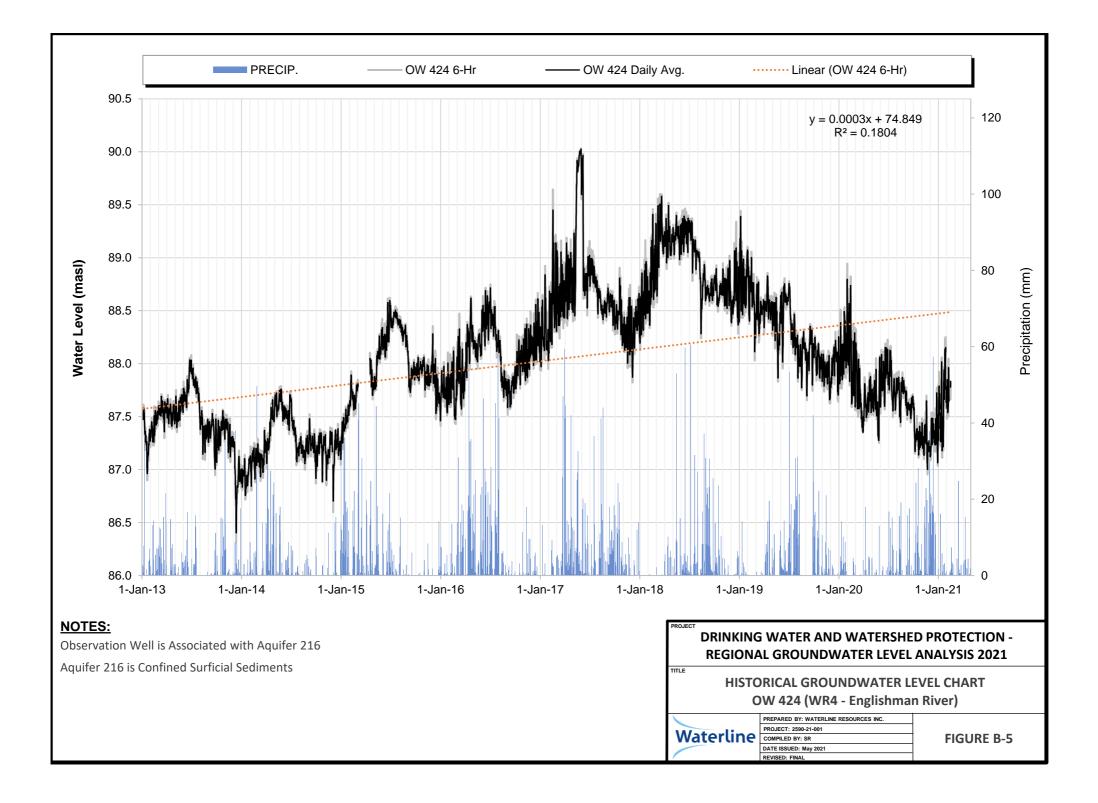


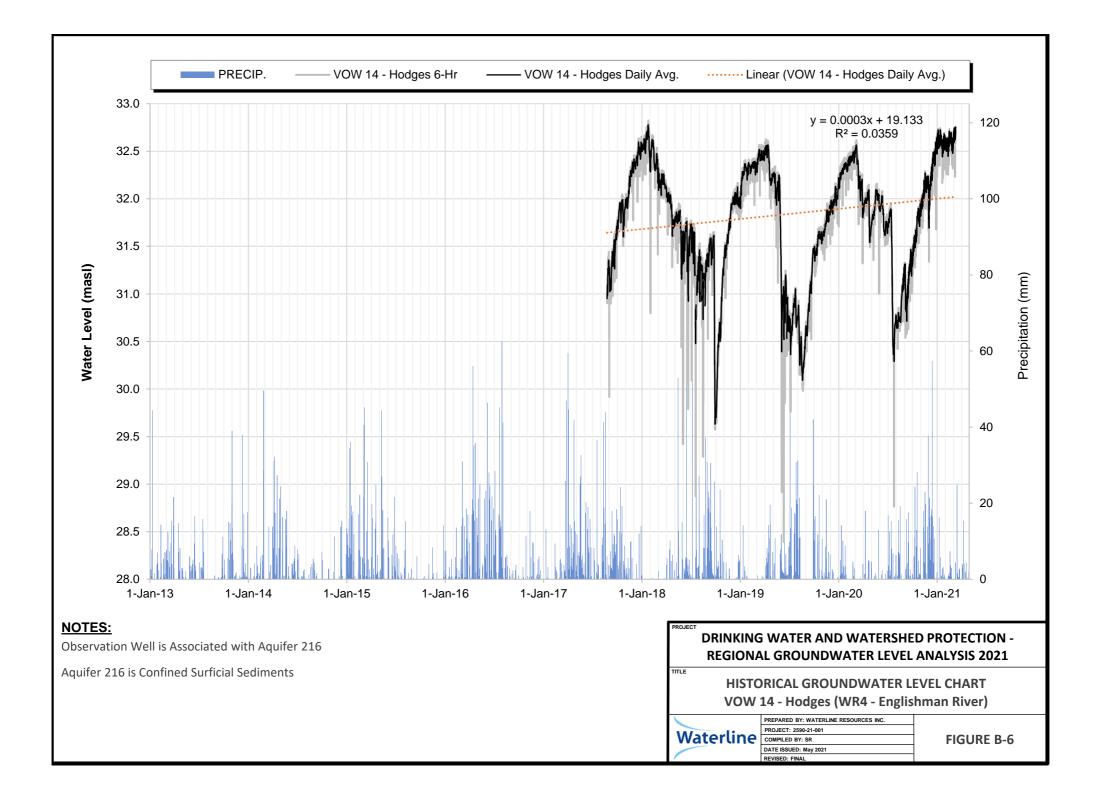


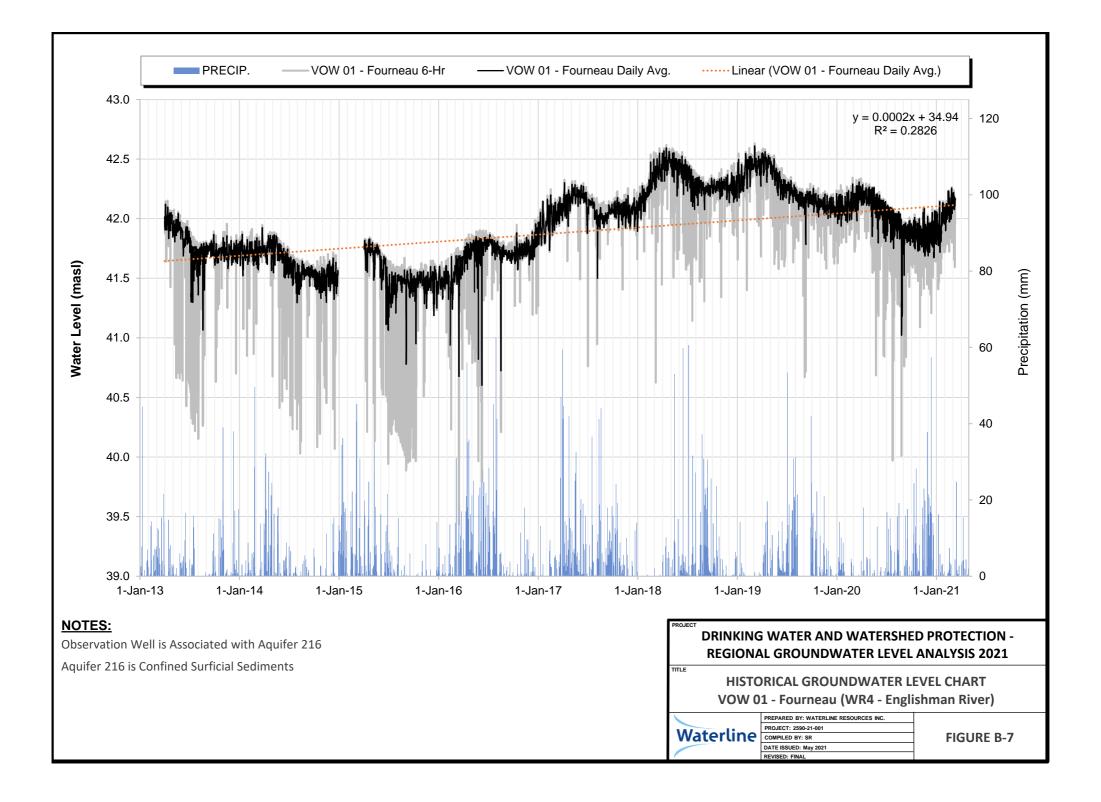


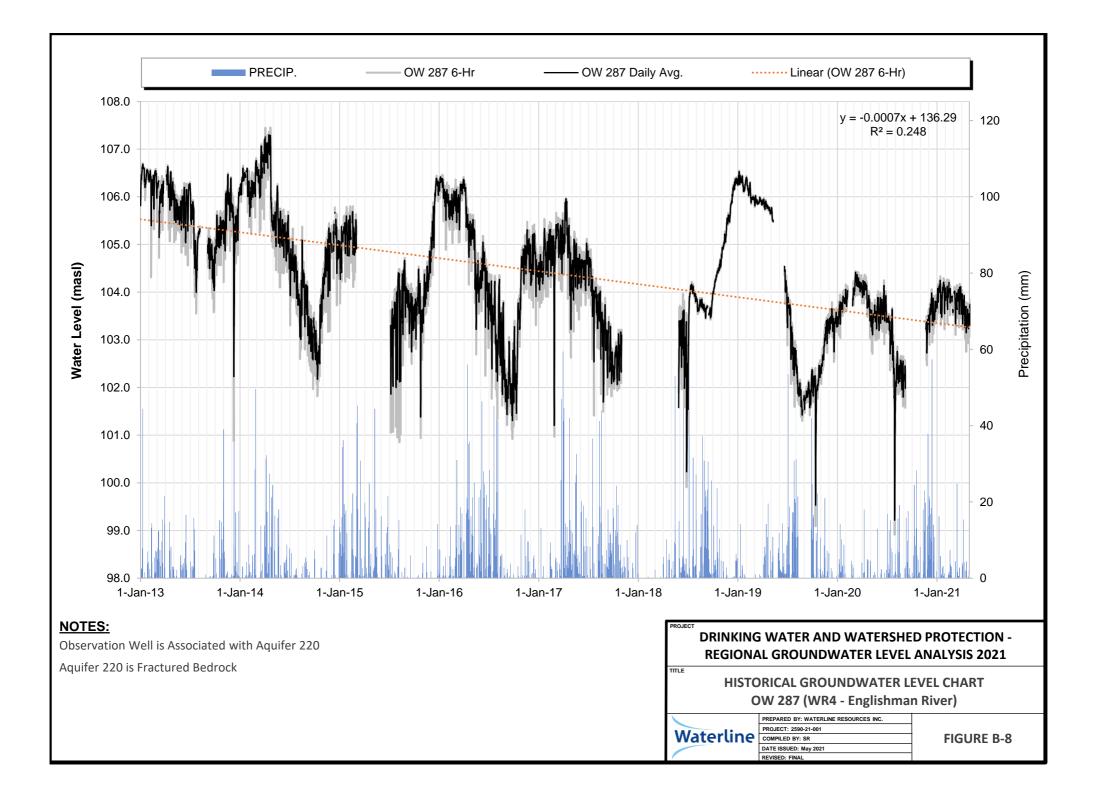


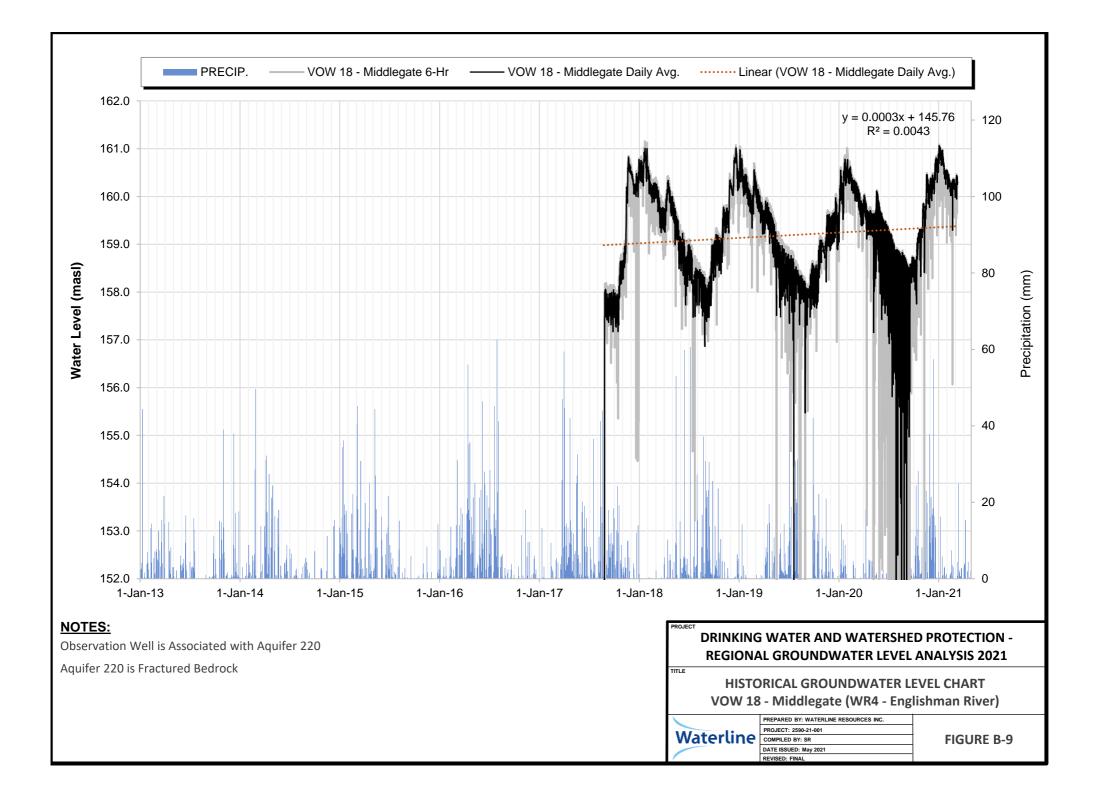


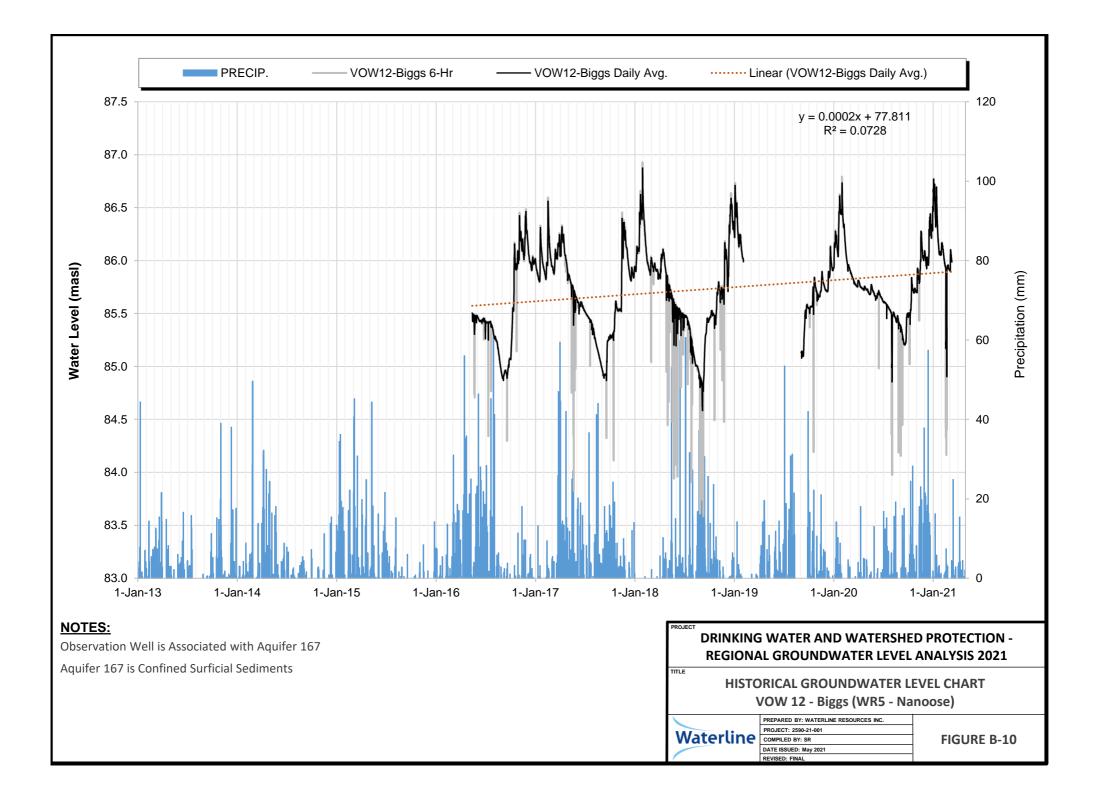


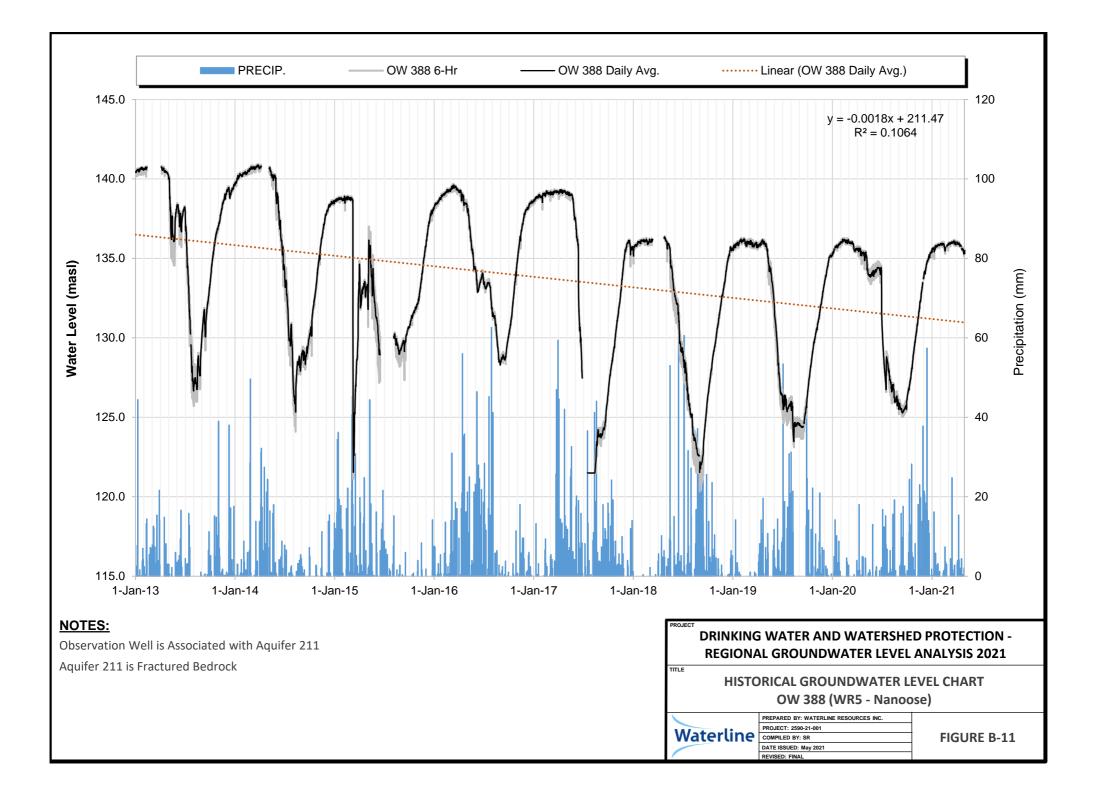


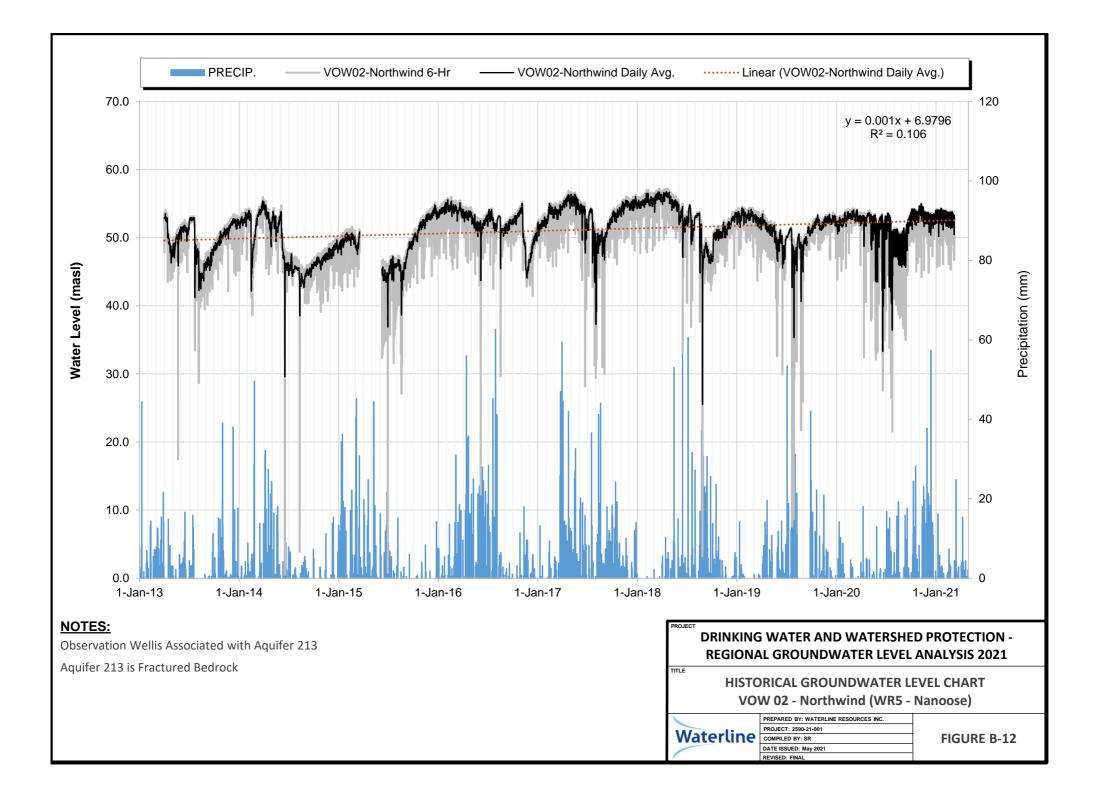


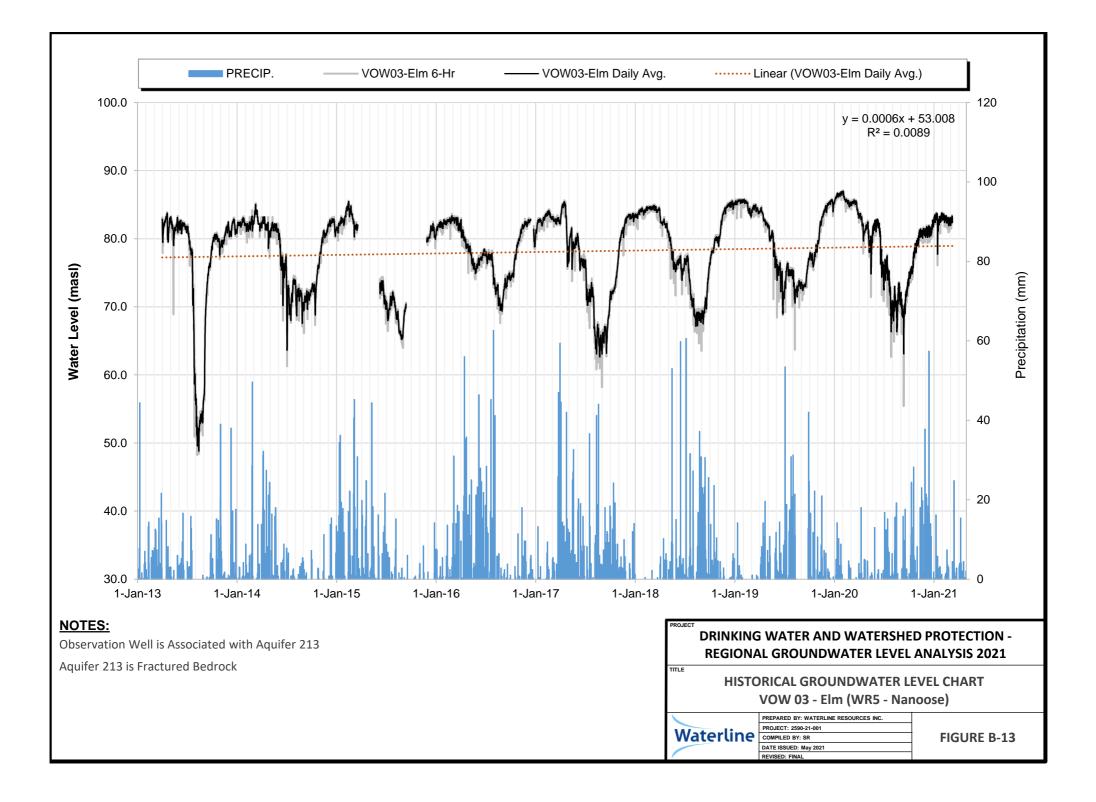


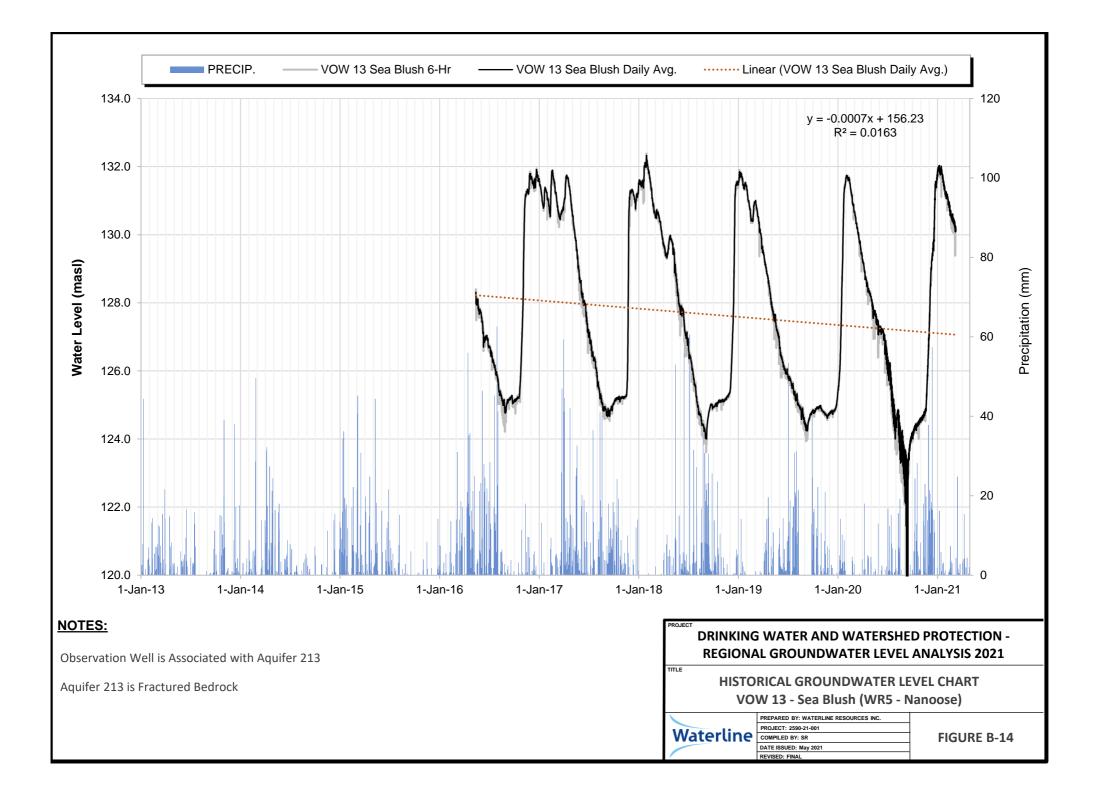


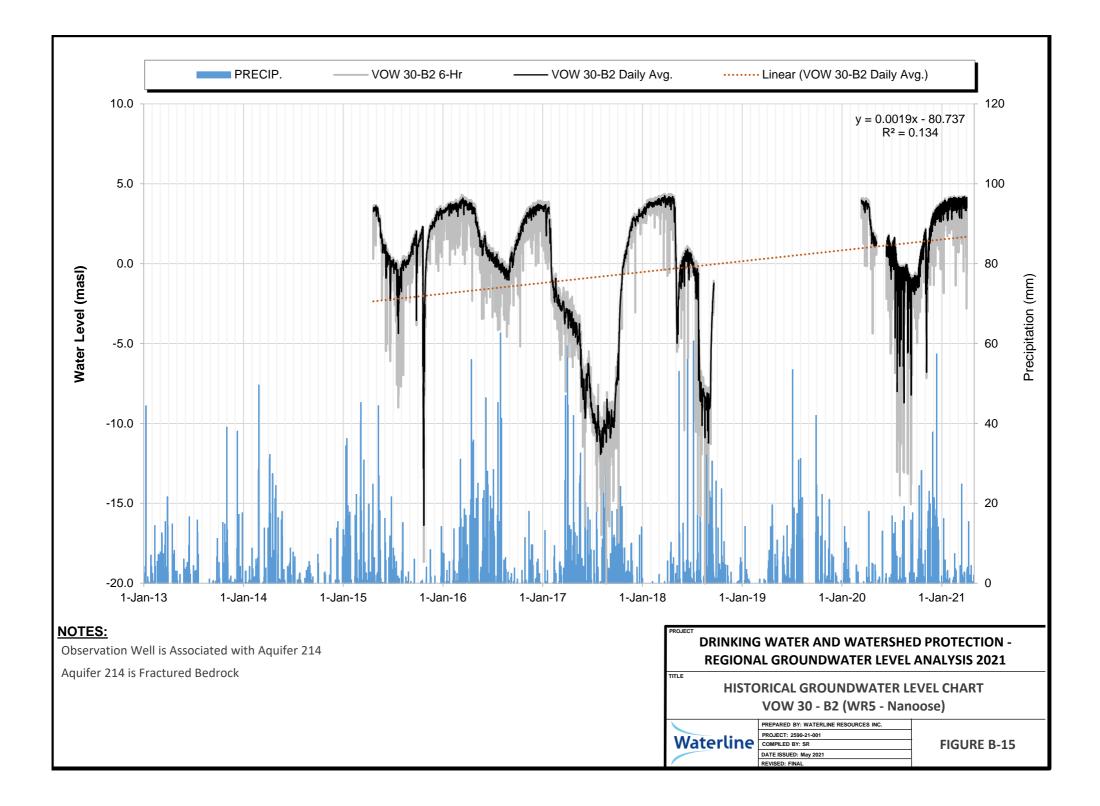


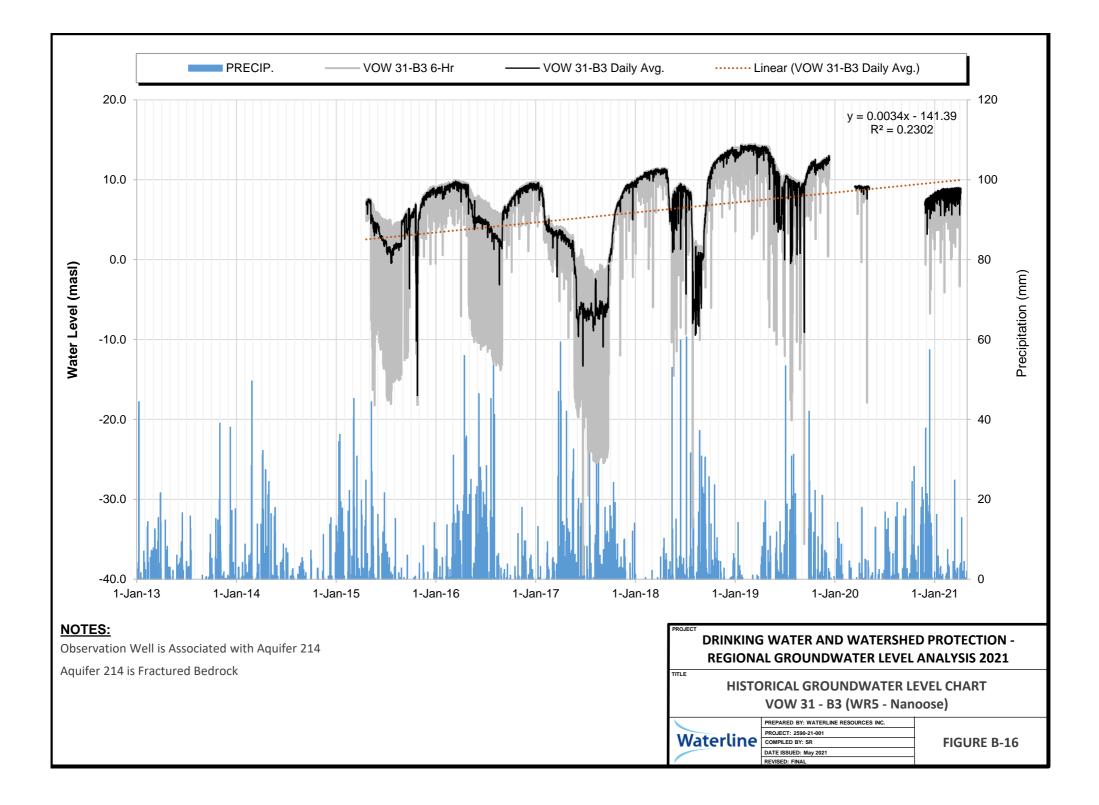


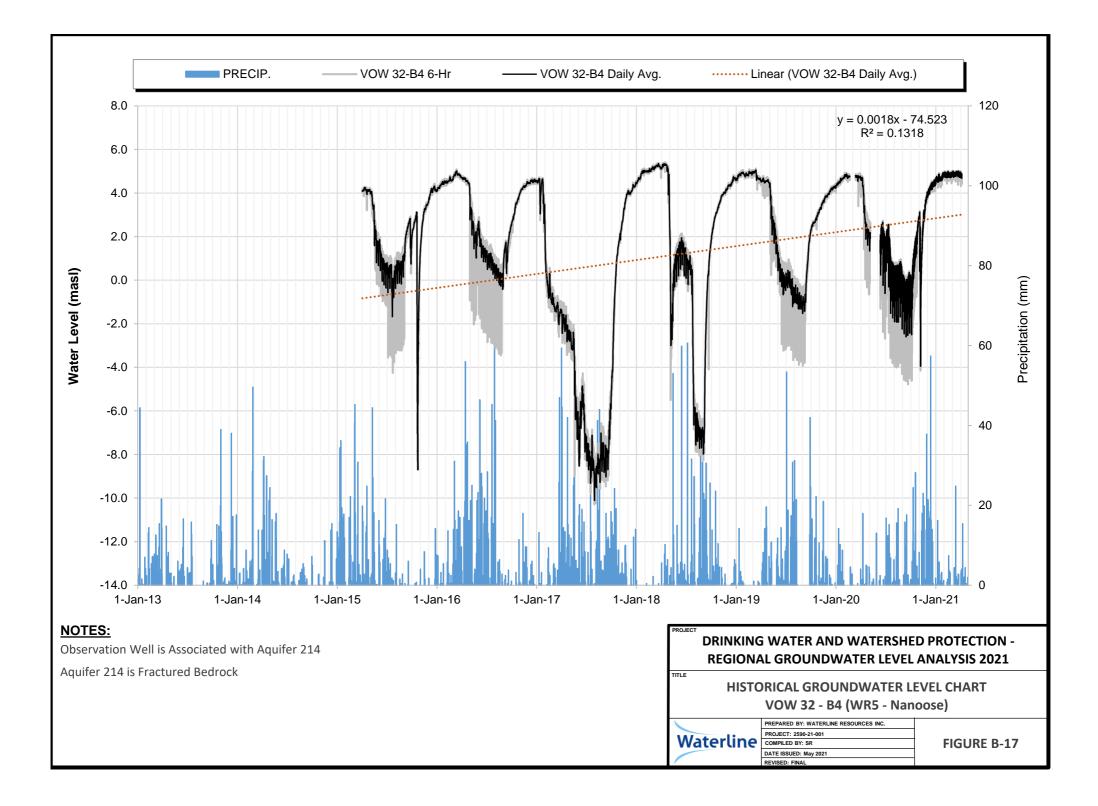


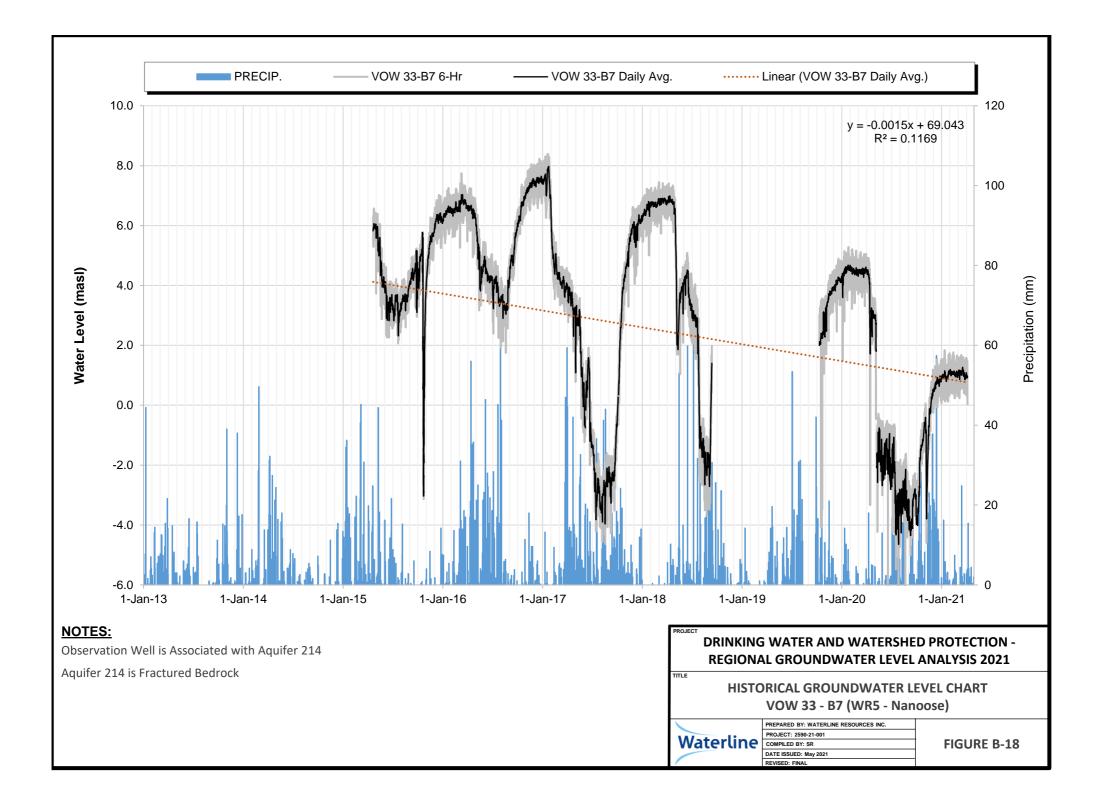


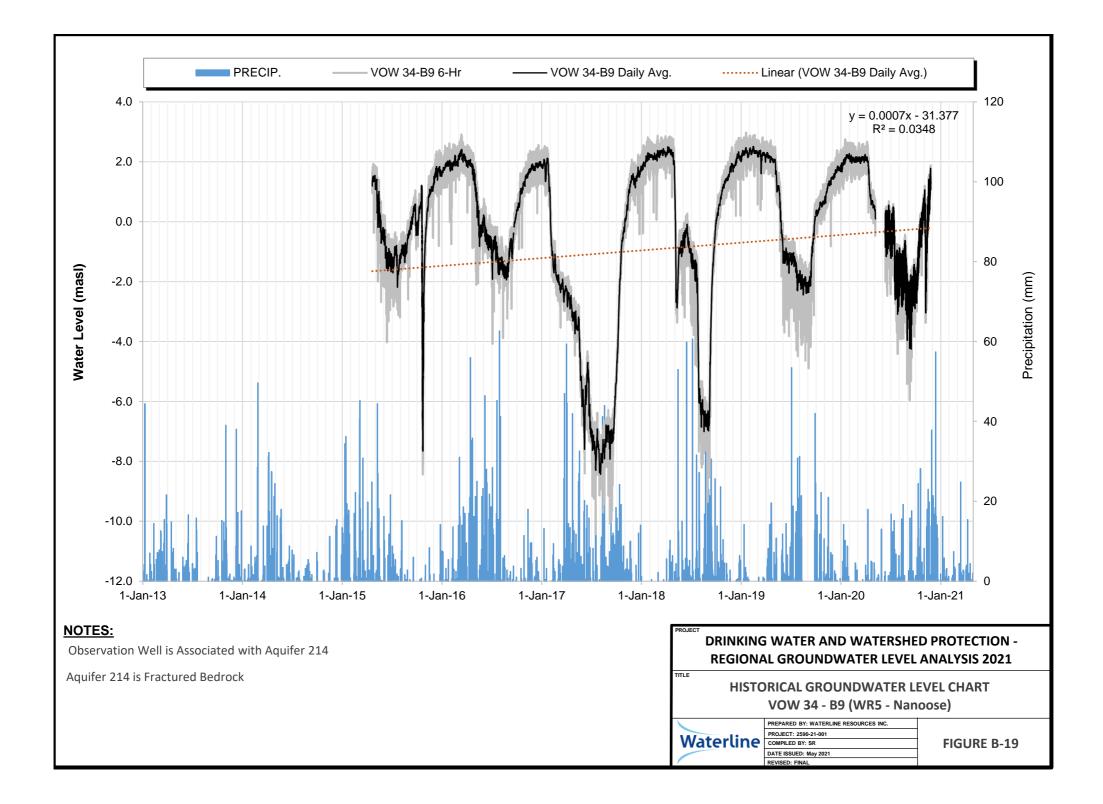


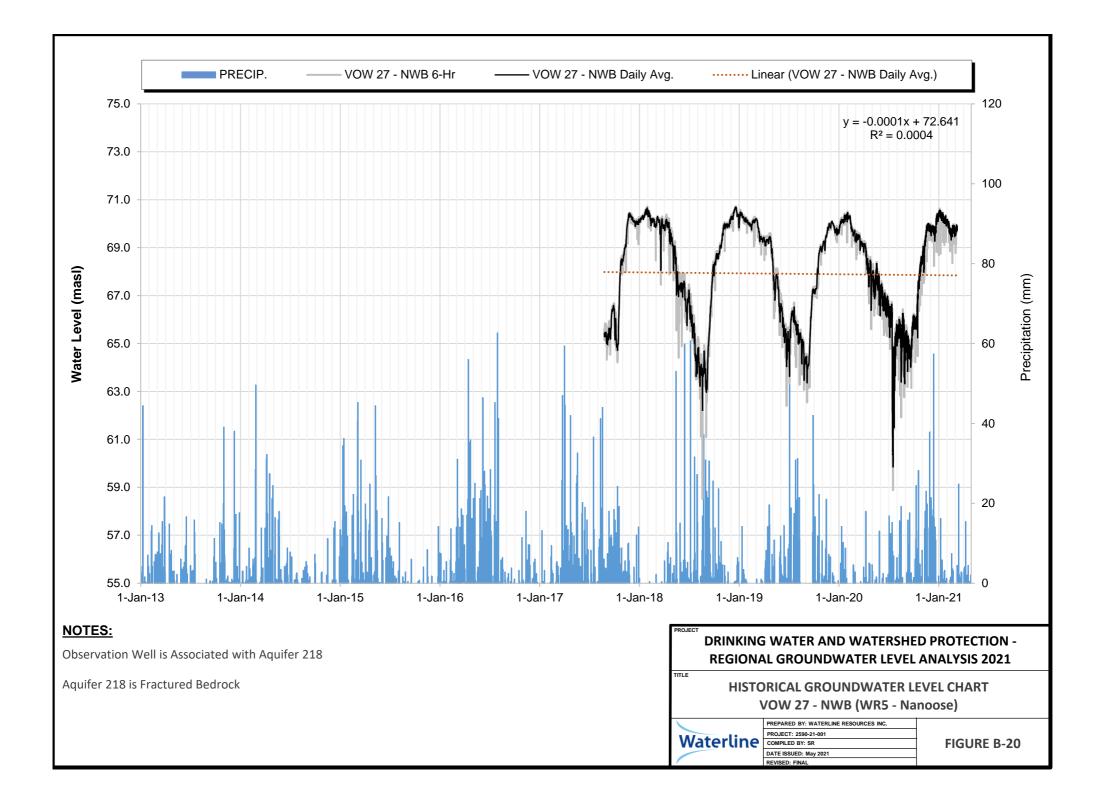


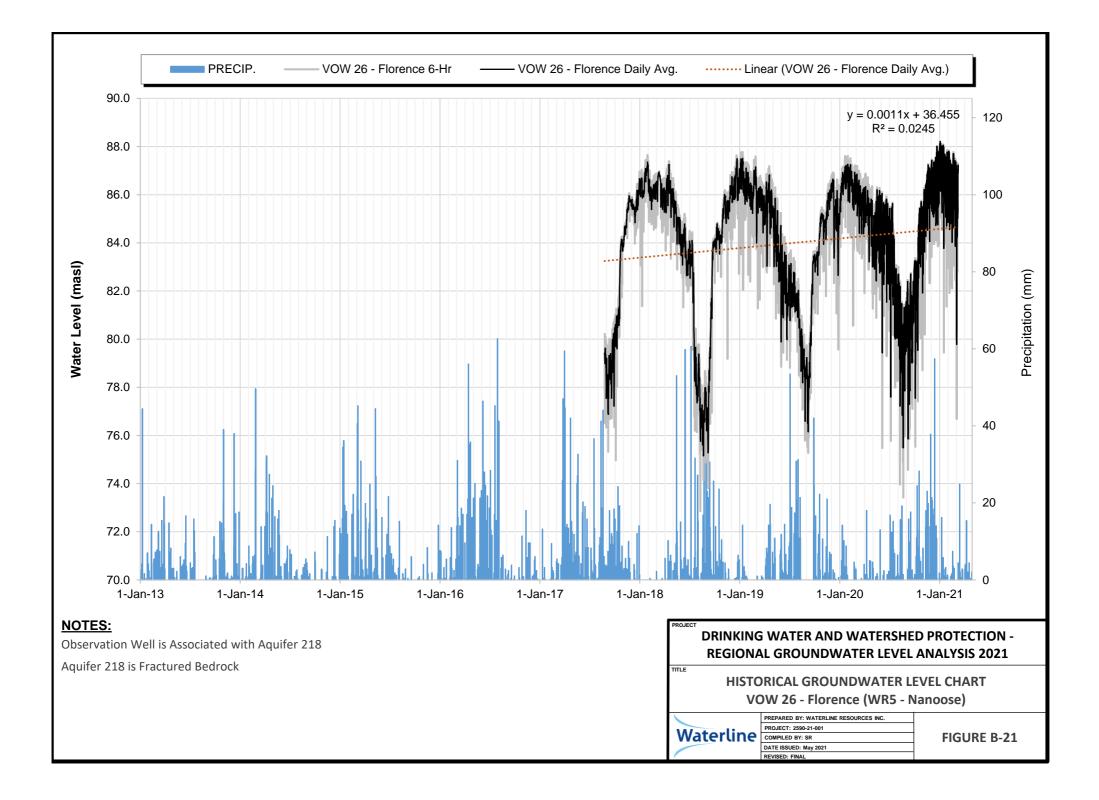


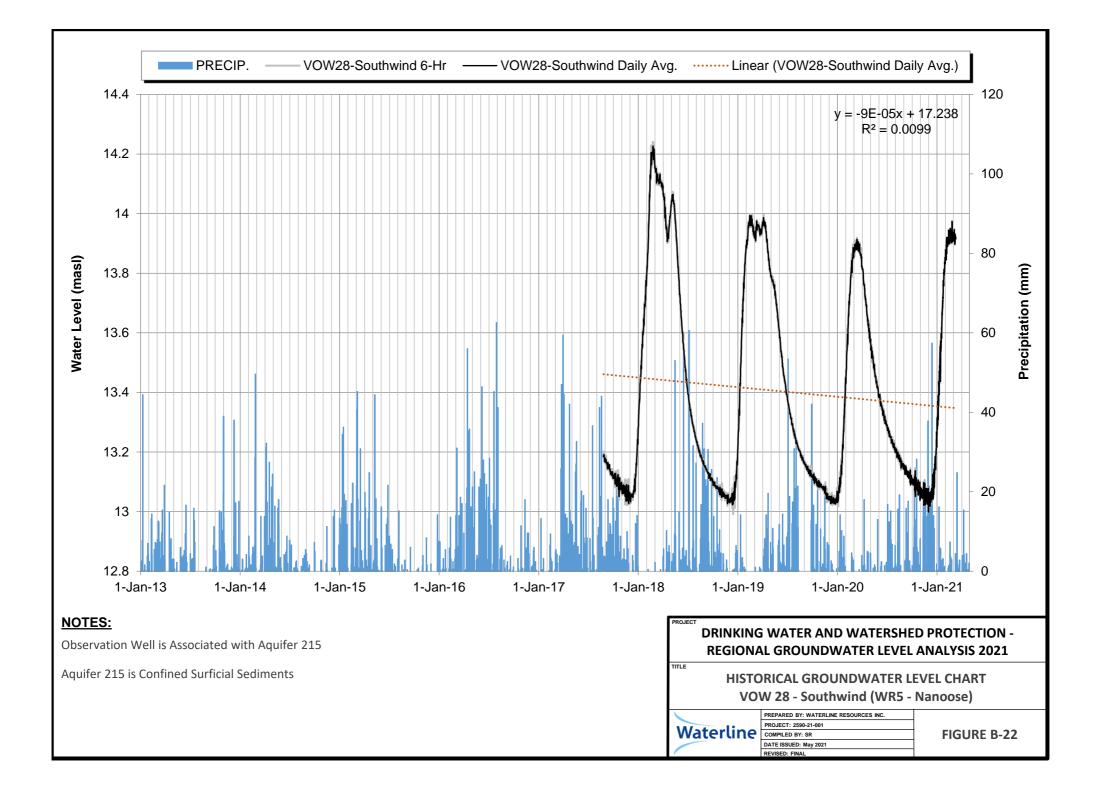


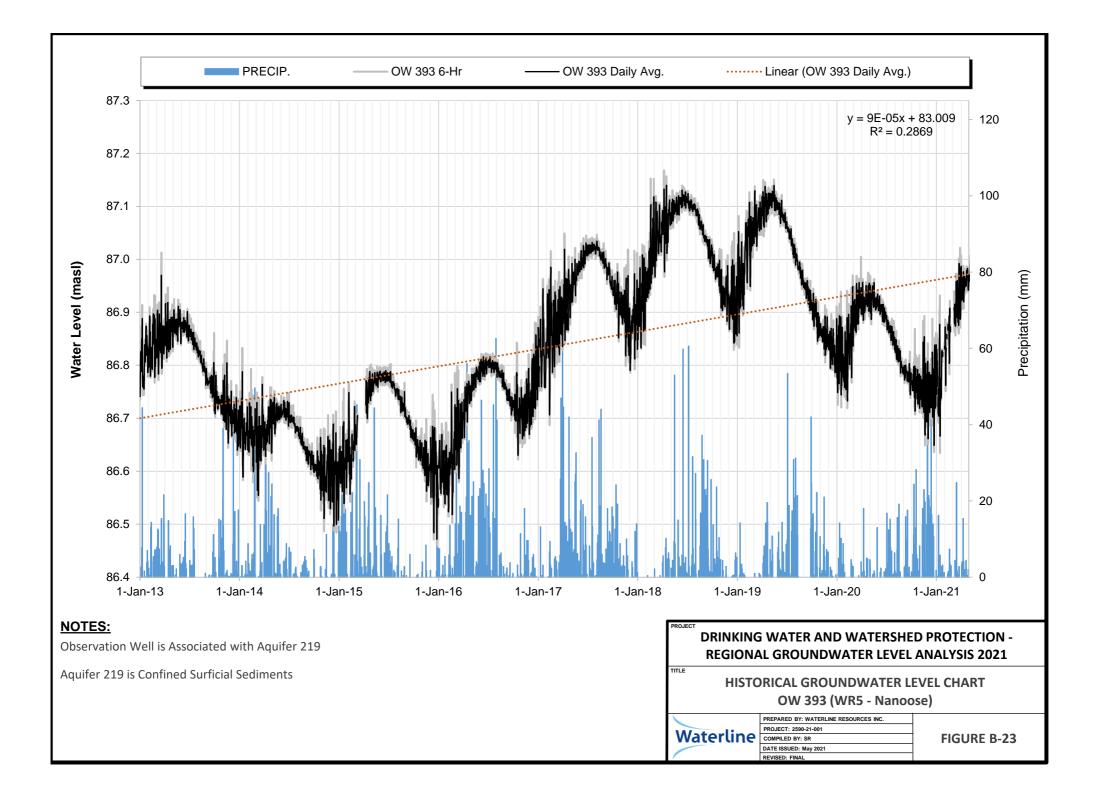


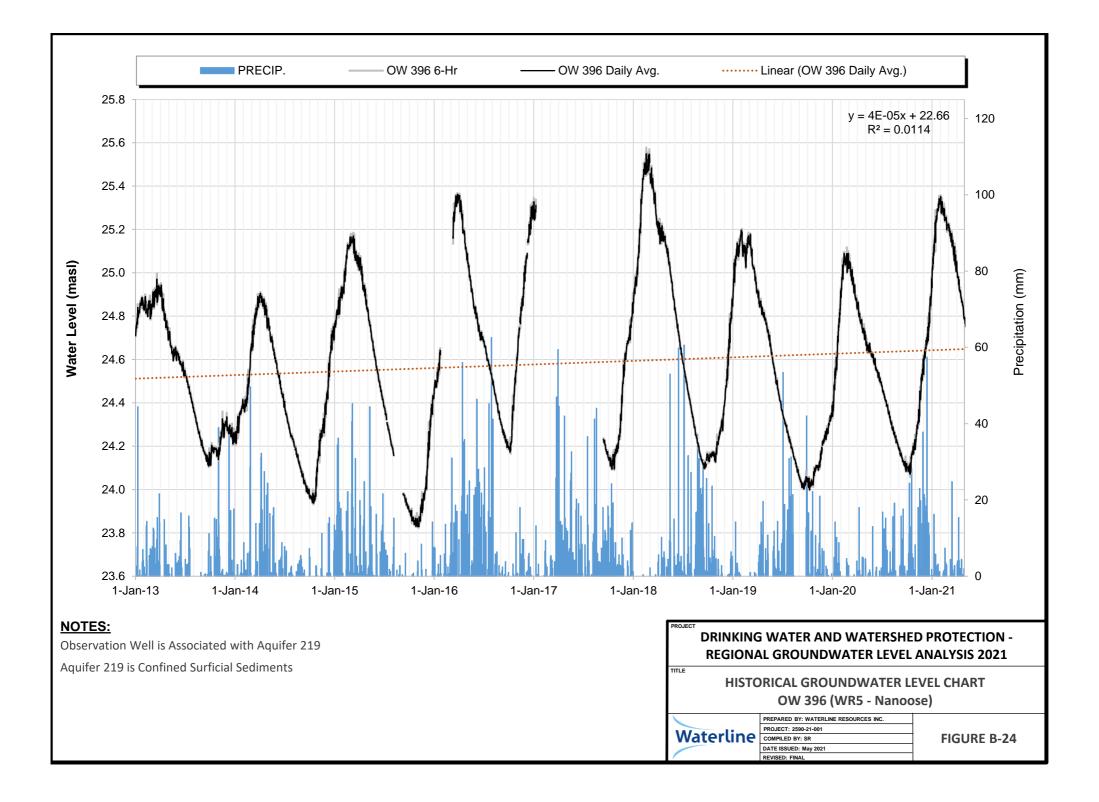


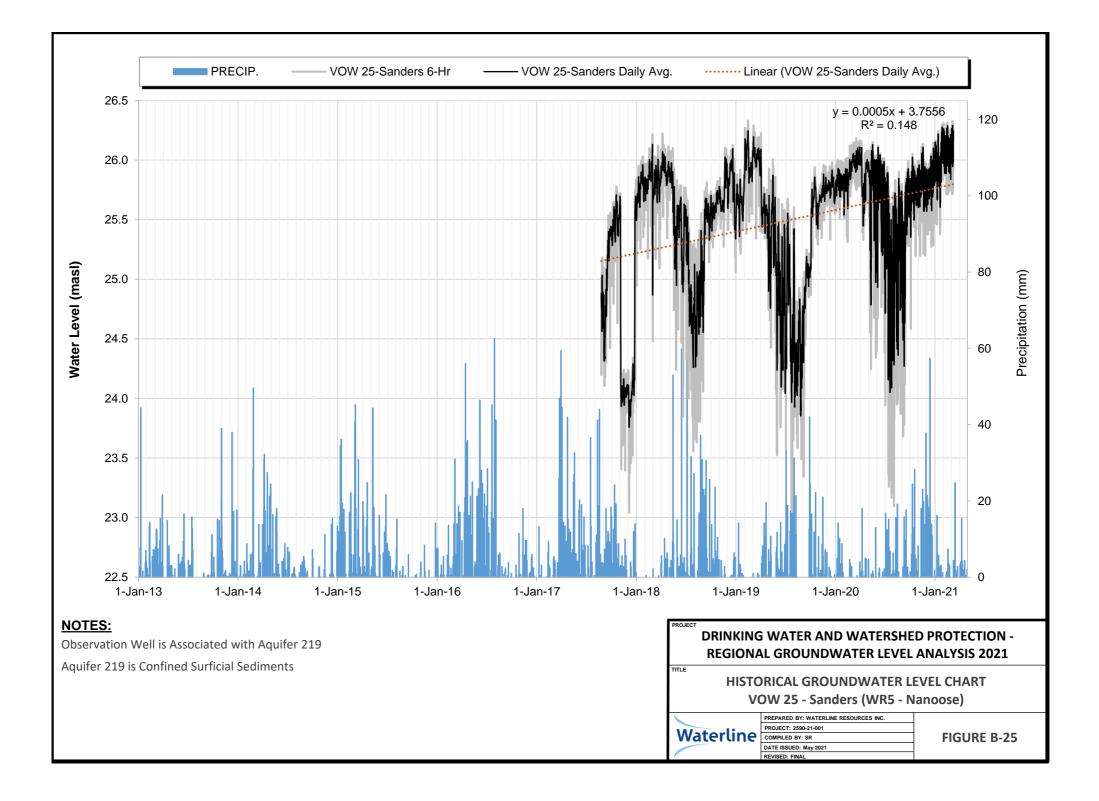


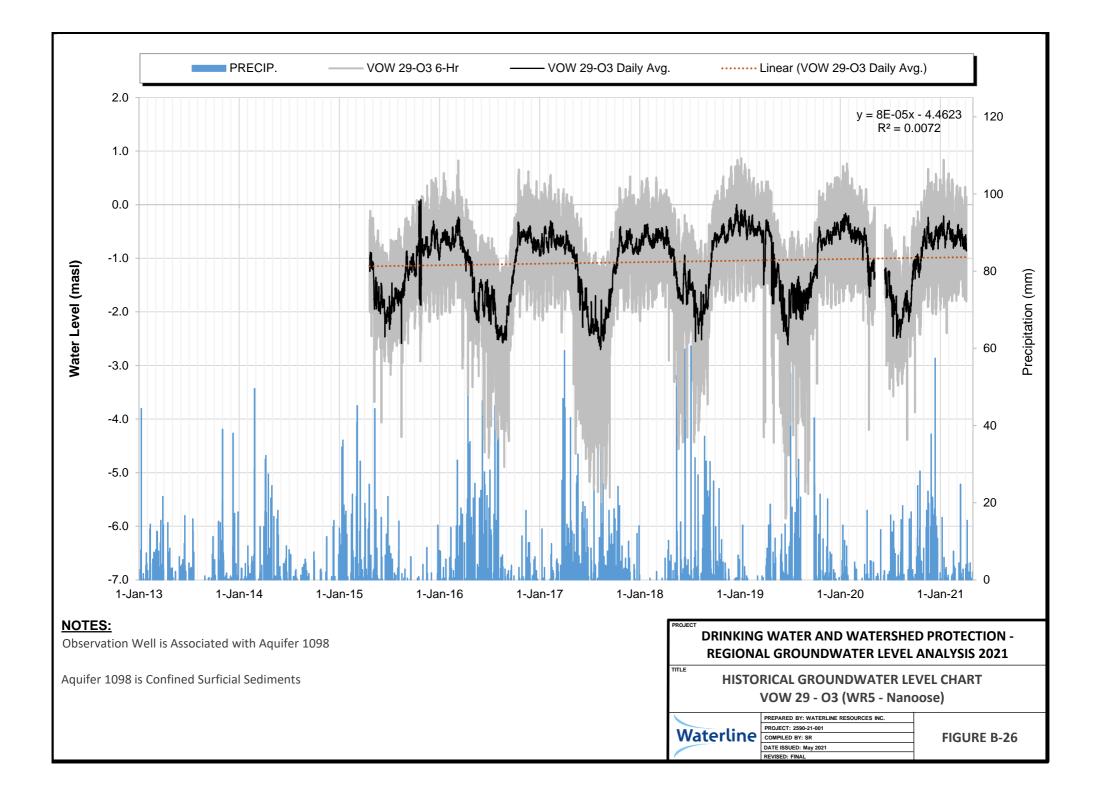


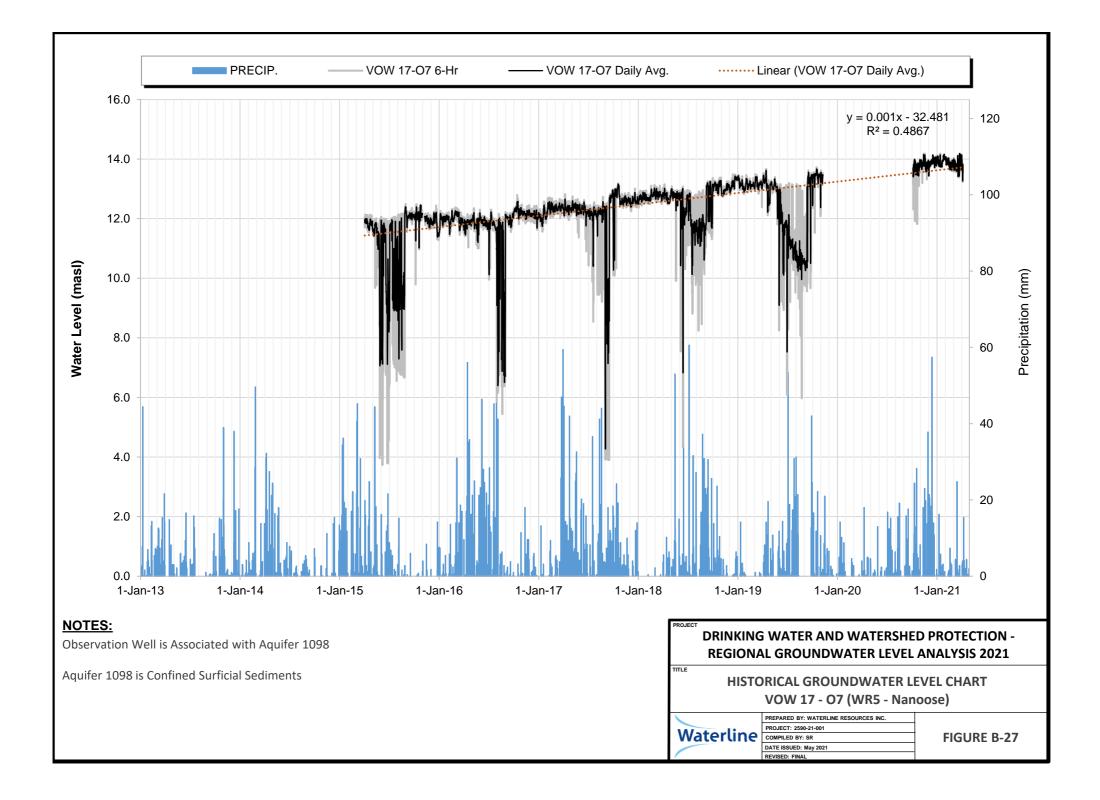


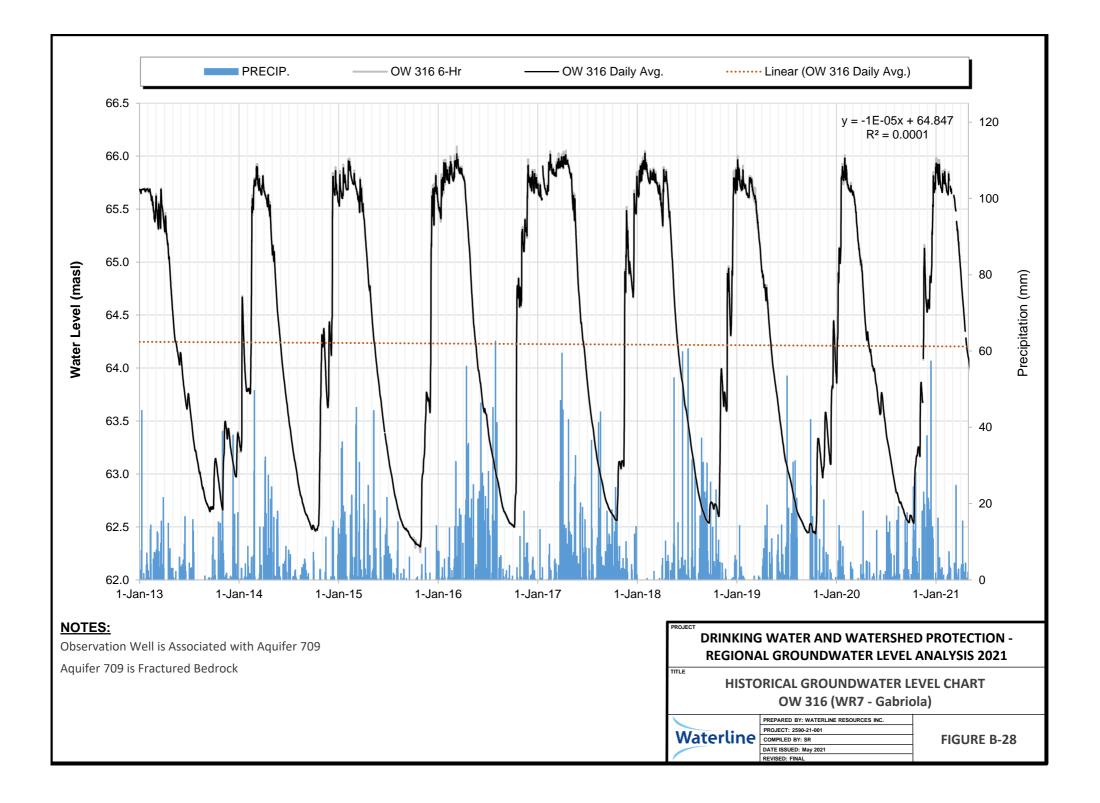


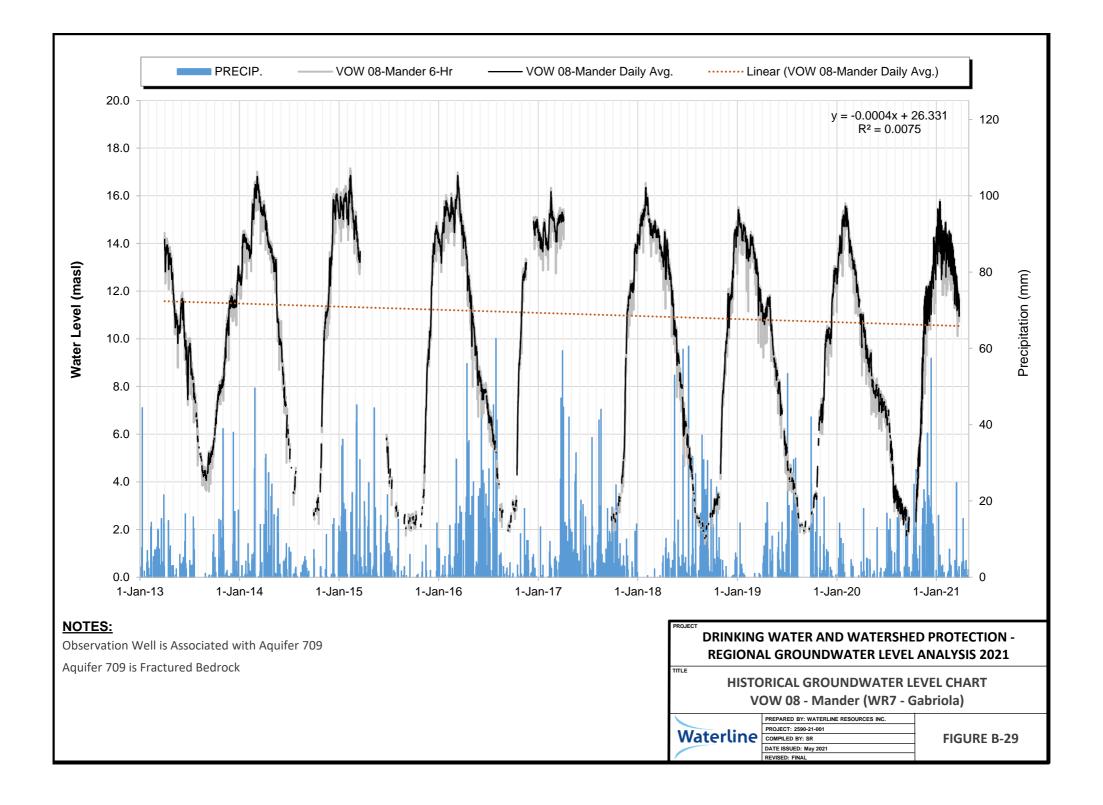


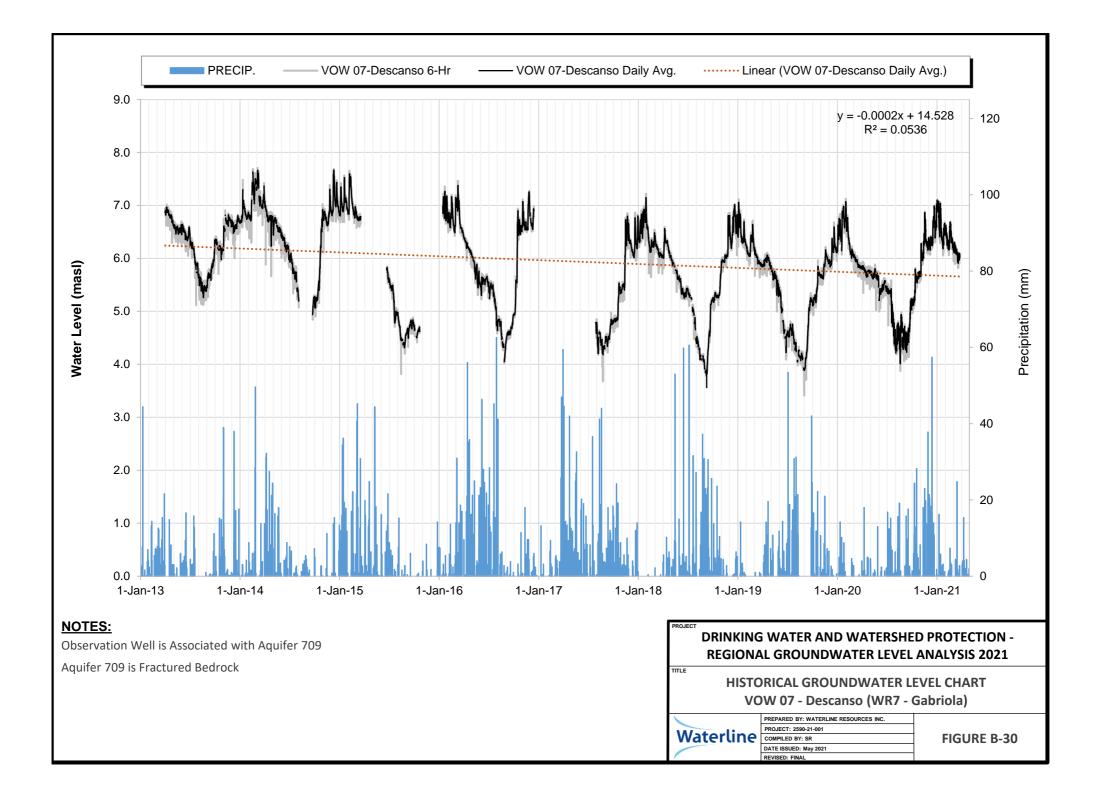


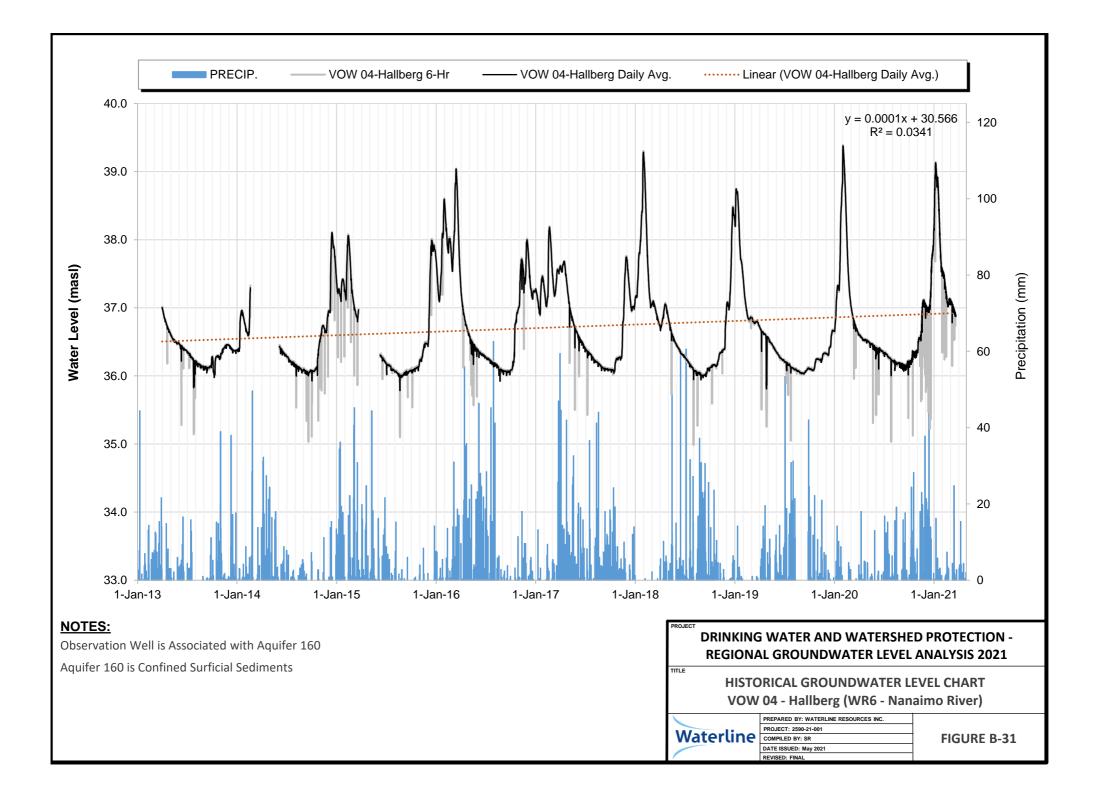


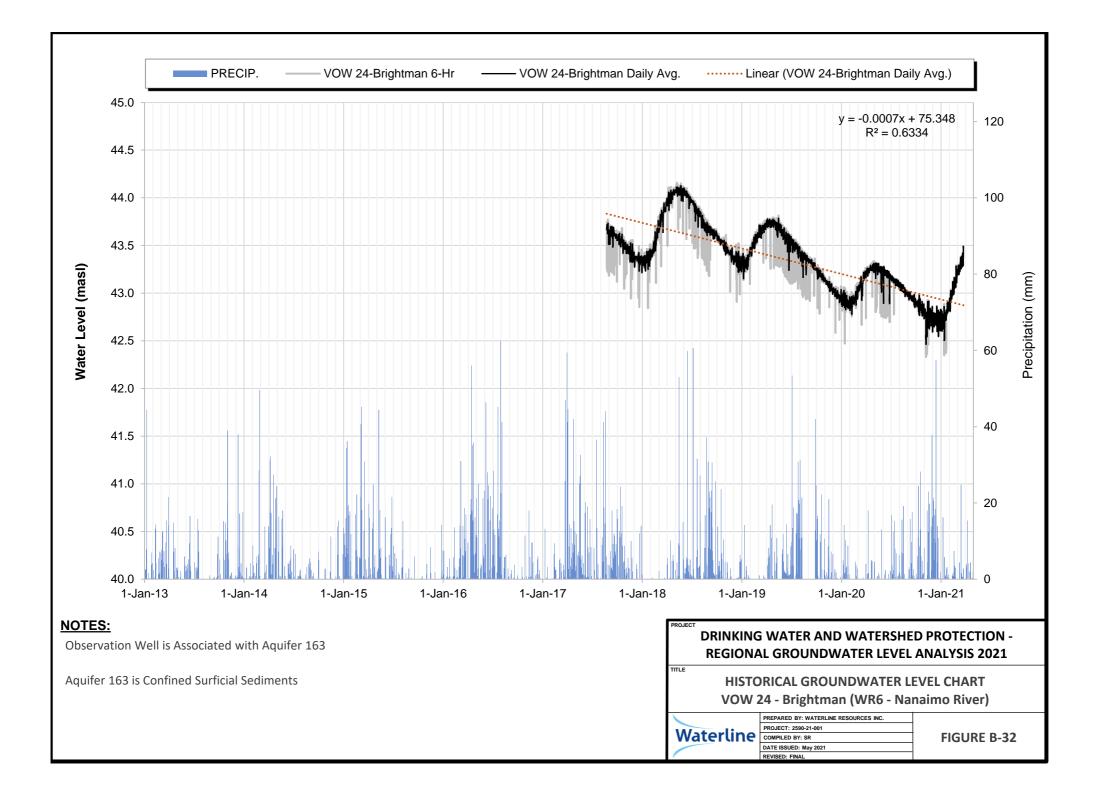


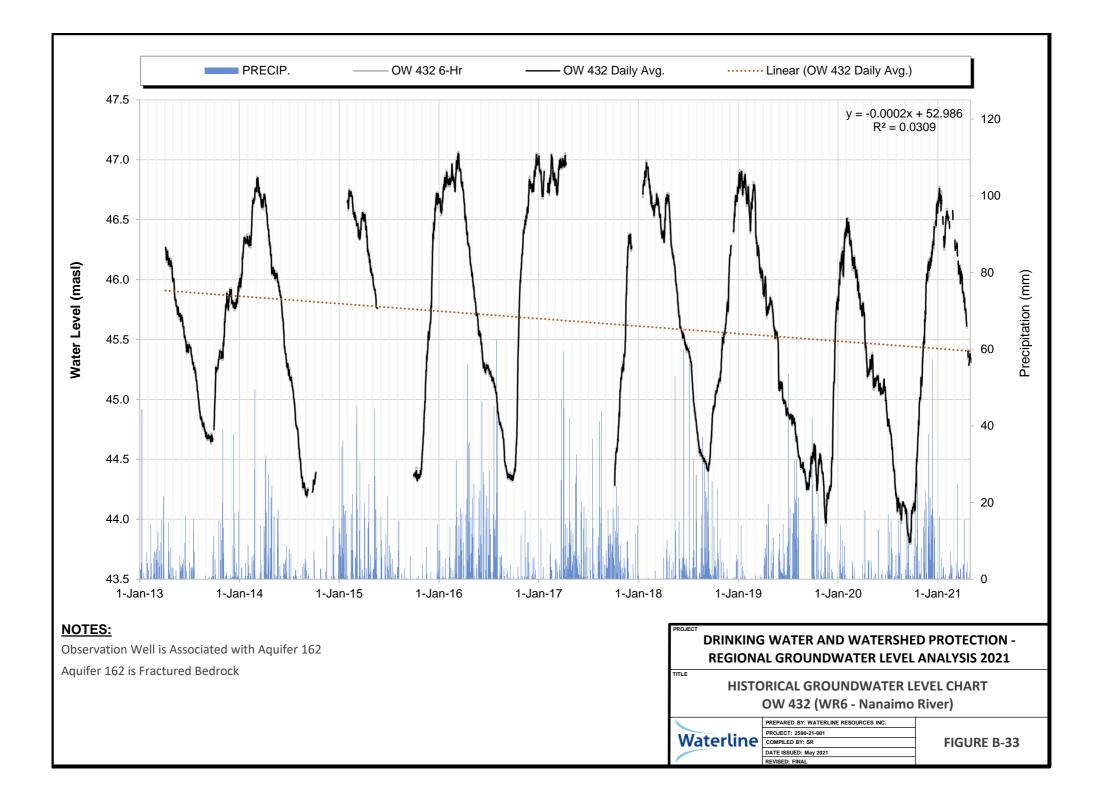


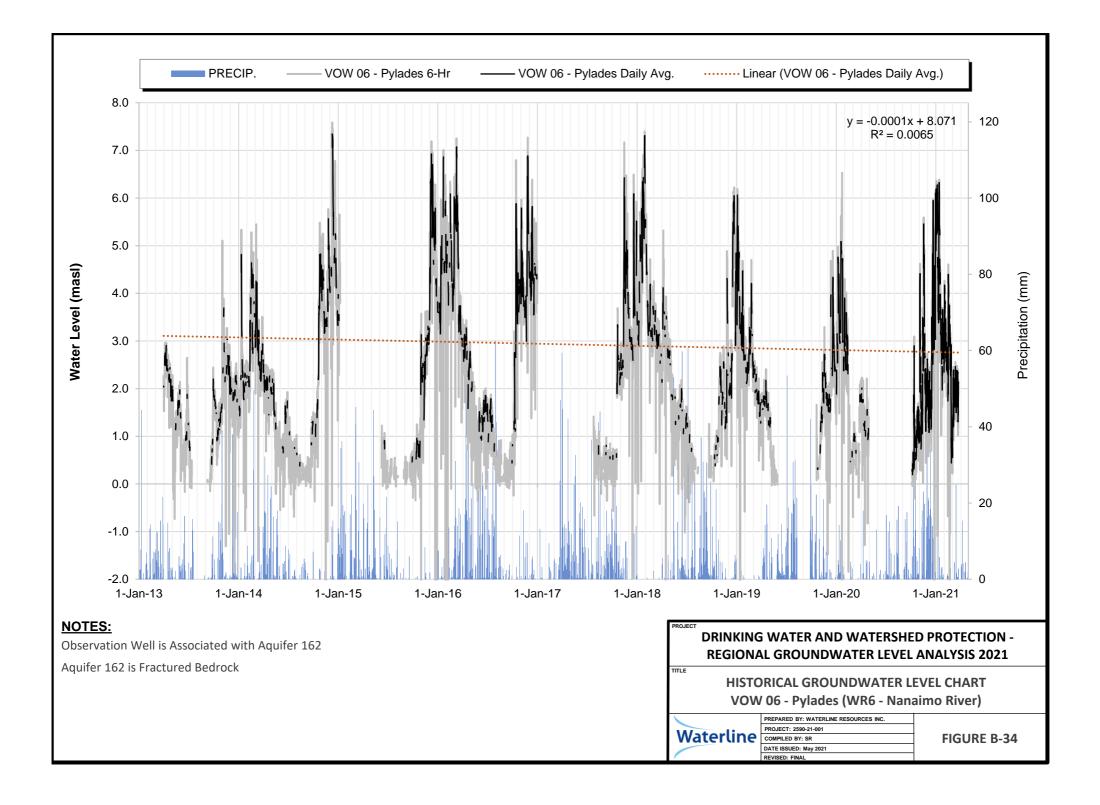


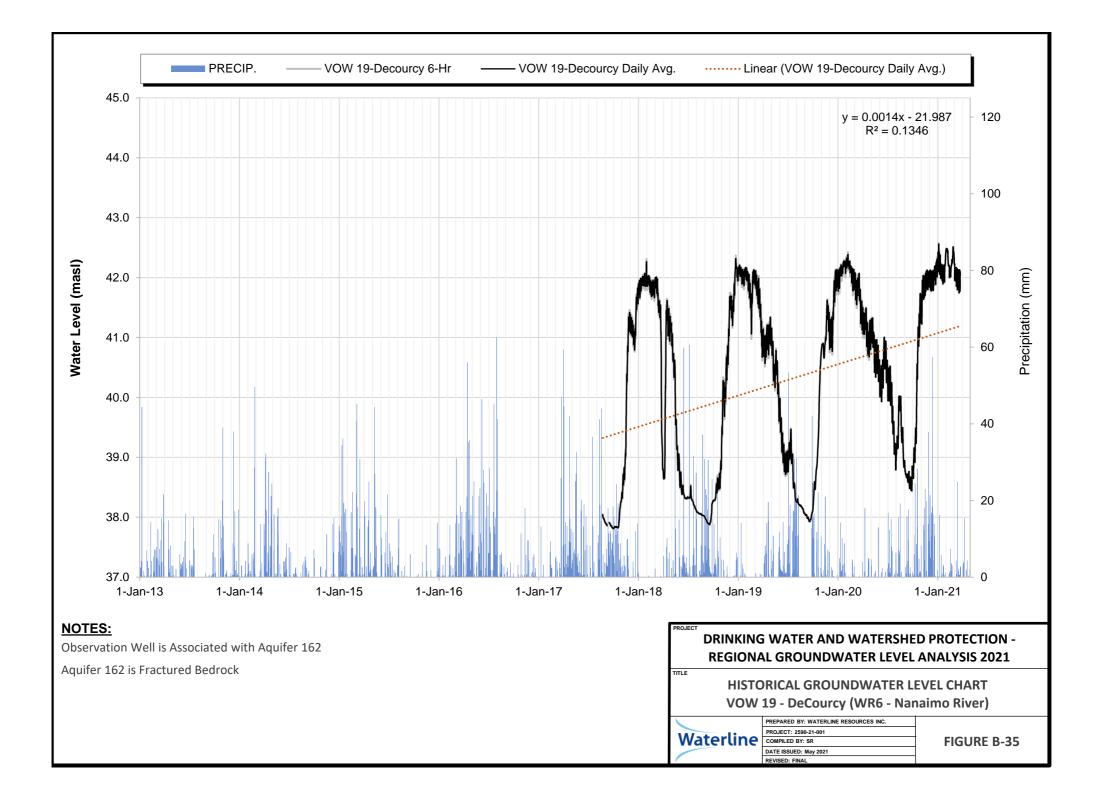


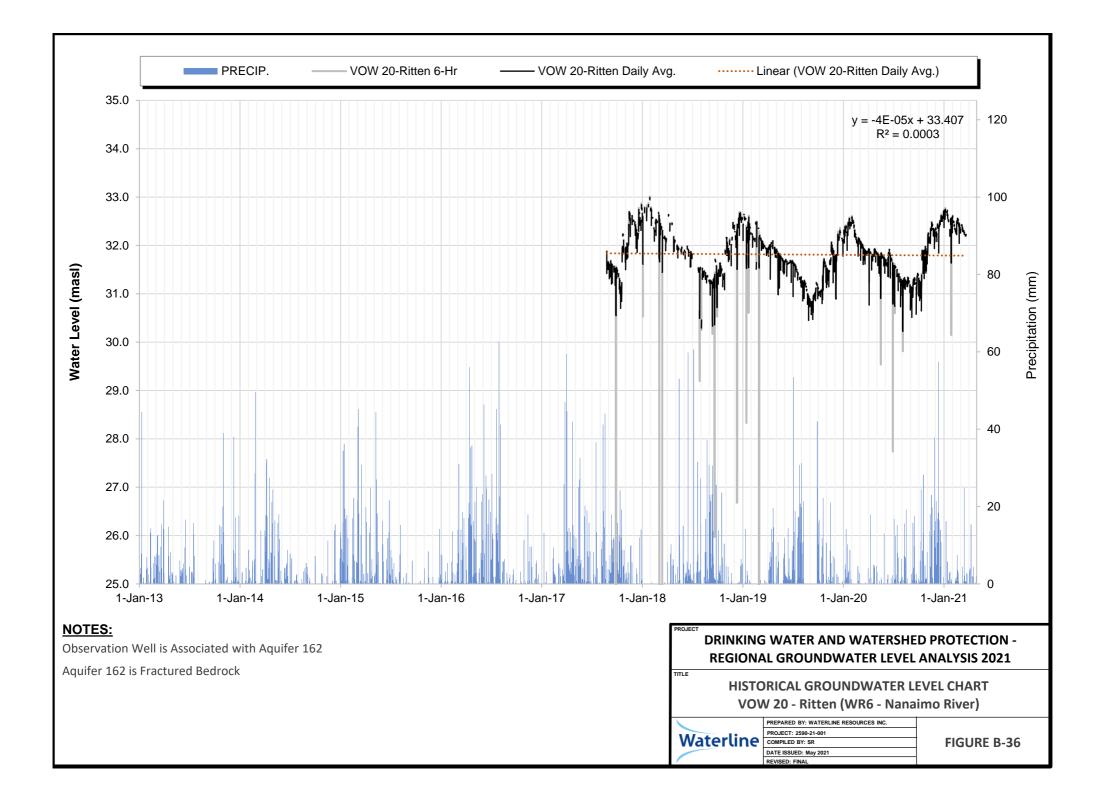


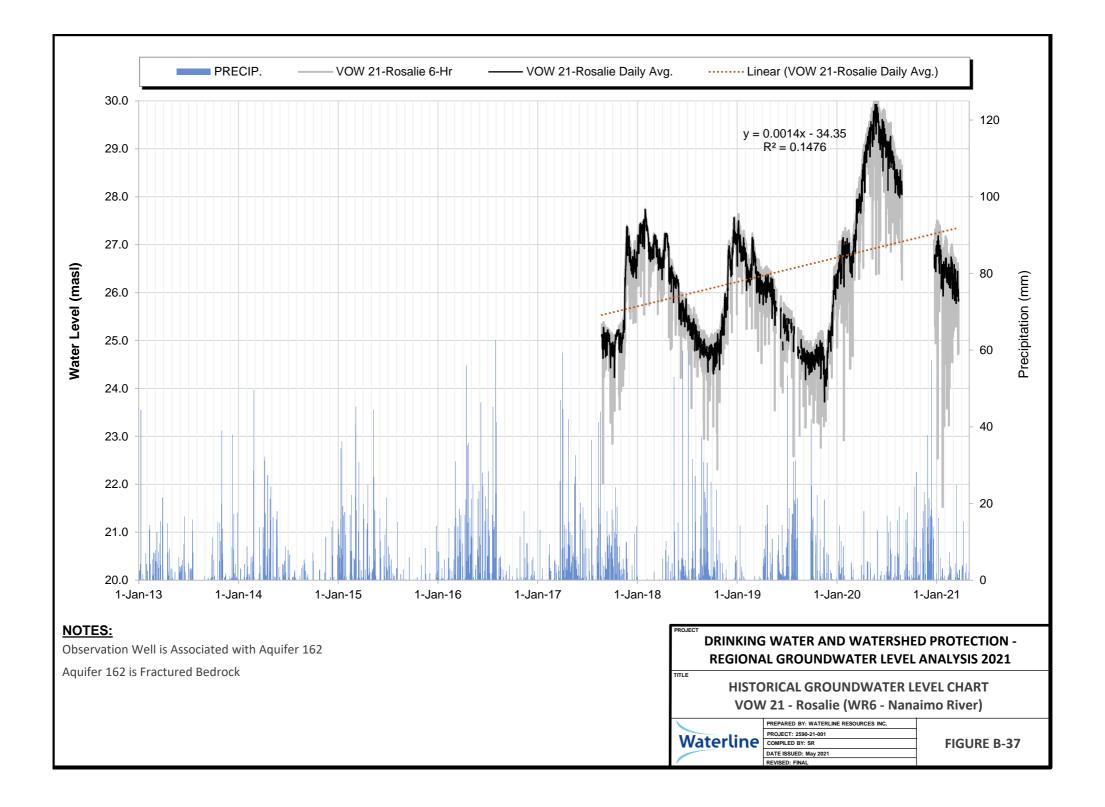


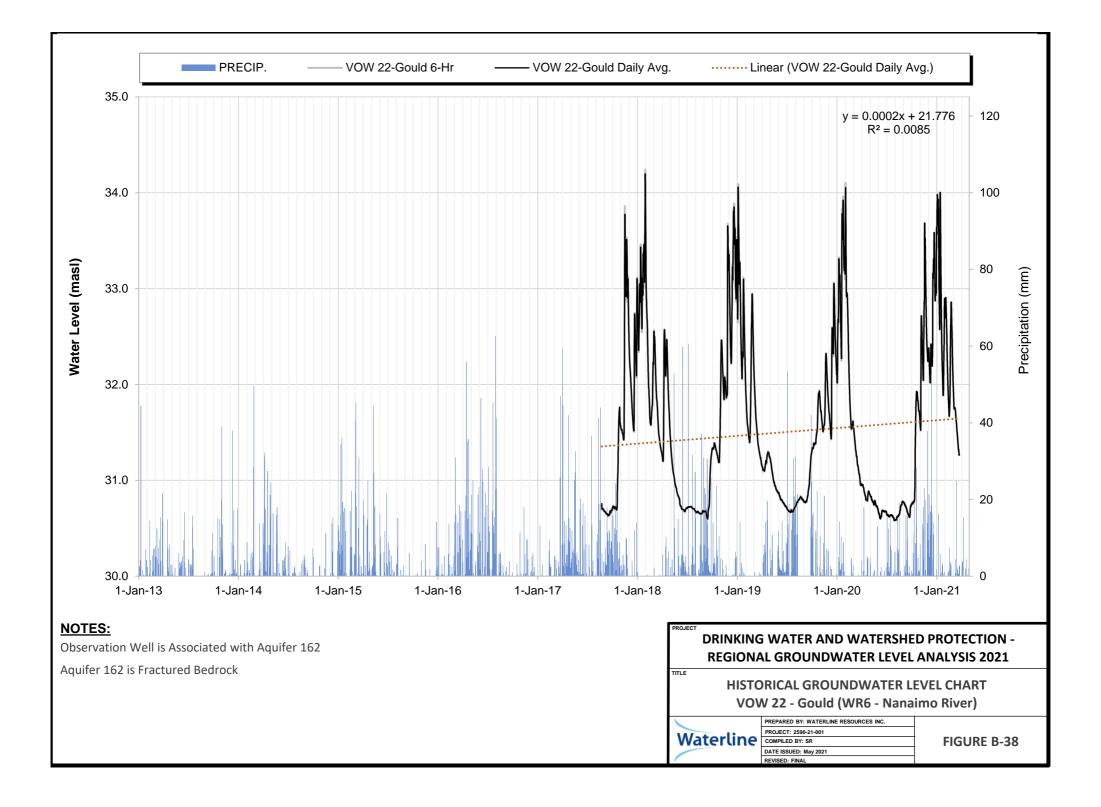


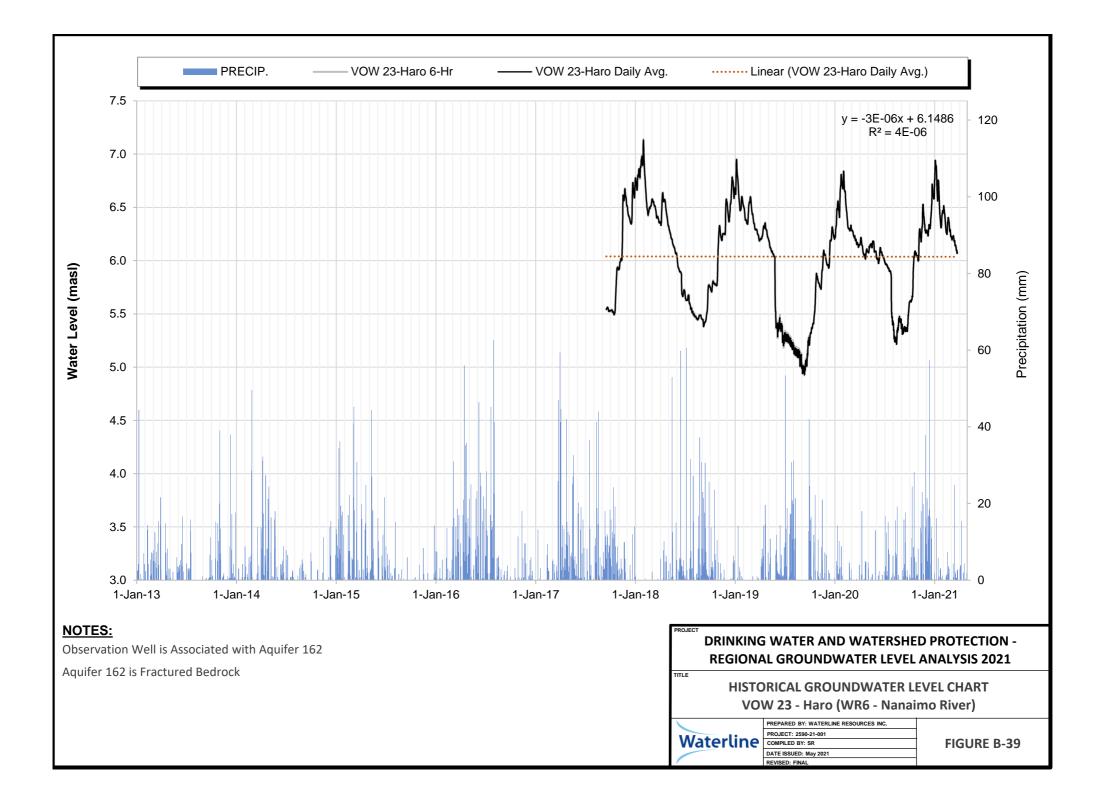


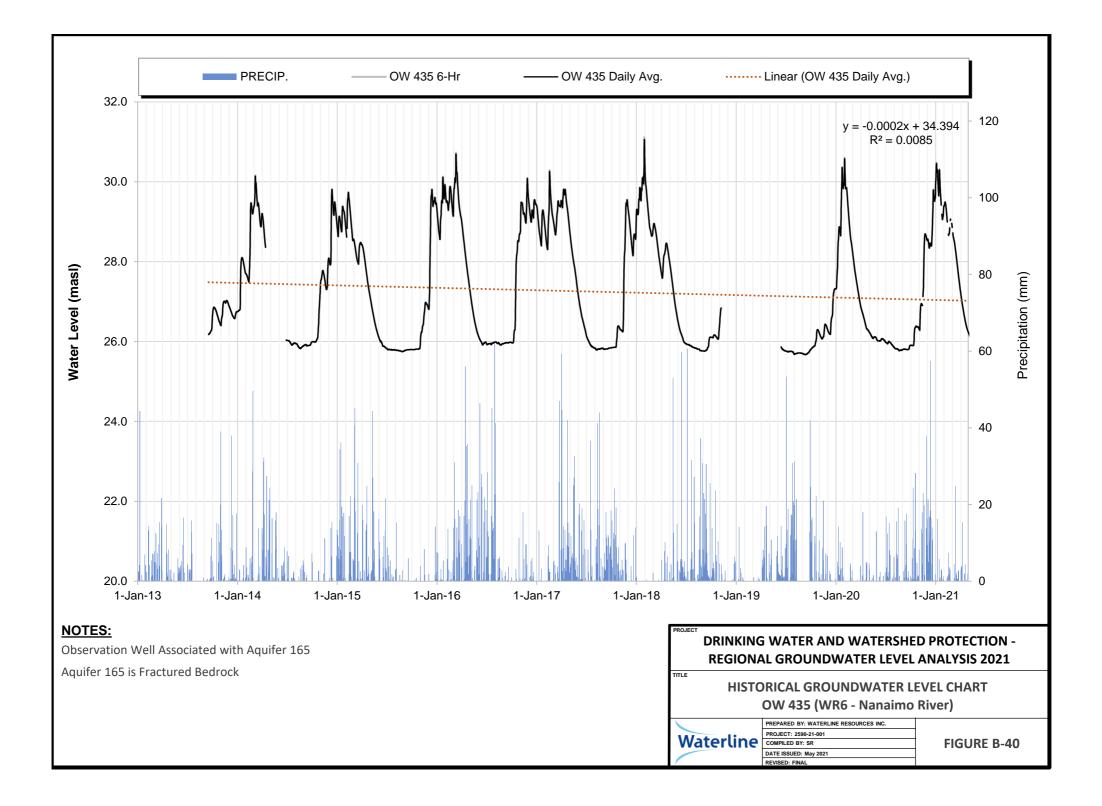


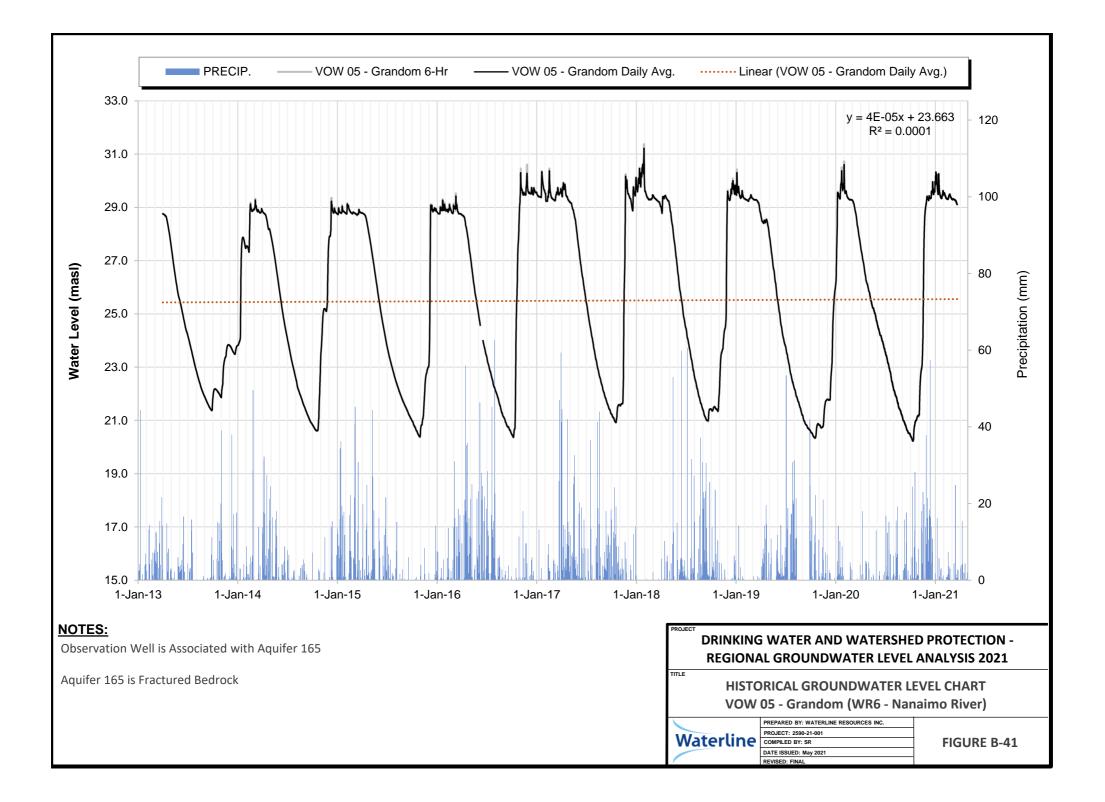












Appendix C – Seasonal Groundwater Level Trend Results



CHART ID	WATER REGION	OBS WELL NUMBER	AQUIFER	AQUIFER TYPE	TREND RESULTS
1	Little Qualicum	OW389	664	Surficial	BELOW
2	French Creak	VOW 16	217	Surficial	BELOW
3	- French Creek	VOW 15	212	Bedrock	AVERAGE
4	Englishman River	OW 314	216	Surficial	ABOVE (HR)
5		OW 424	216	Surficial	BELOW
6		VOW 14	216	Surficial	ABOVE (HR)
7		VOW 01	216	Surficial	AVERAGE
8		OW 287	220	Bedrock	BELOW
9		VOW 18	220	Bedrock	AVERAGE
10		VOW 12	167	Surficial	AVERAGE
11		OW 388	211	Bedrock	BELOW
12	Nanoose and South Wellington	VOW 02	213	Bedrock	AVERAGE
13		VOW 03	213	Bedrock	BELOW
14		VOW 13	213	Bedrock	BELOW (LR)
15		VOW 30	214	Bedrock	ABOVE
16		VOW 31	214	Bedrock	BELOW
17		VOW 32	214	Bedrock	ABOVE
18		VOW 33	214	Bedrock	BELOW (LR)
19		VOW 34	214	Bedrock	NO DATA
20		VOW 27	218	Bedrock	AVERAGE
21		VOW 26	218	Bedrock	AVERAGE
22		VOW 28	215	Surficial	BELOW
23		OW 393	219	Surficial	ABOVE
24		OW 396	219	Surficial	BELOW
25		VOW 25	219	Surficial	ABOVE
26		VOW 29	1098	Surficial	AVERAGE
27	—	VOW 17	1098	Surficial	ABOVE (HR)
28		OW 316	709	Bedrock	BELOW
29	Gabriola	VOW 08	709	Bedrock	BELOW
30		VOW 07	709	Bedrock	BELOW
31		VOW 04	160	Surficial	BELOW
32		VOW 24	163	Surficial	BELOW
33		OW 432	162	Bedrock	BELOW
34		VOW 06	162	Bedrock	AVERAGE
35		VOW 19	162	Bedrock	ABOVE (HR)
36	Nanaimo River	VOW 20	162	Bedrock	AVERAGE
37		VOW 21	162	Bedrock	BELOW (LR)
38		VOW 22	162	Bedrock	AVERAGE
39	1	VOW 23	162	Bedrock	BELOW (LR)
40	-	OW 435	165	Bedrock	BELOW
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 Table C1: Seasonal Groundwater Level Trend Results for the VOWN and PGOWN in 2021

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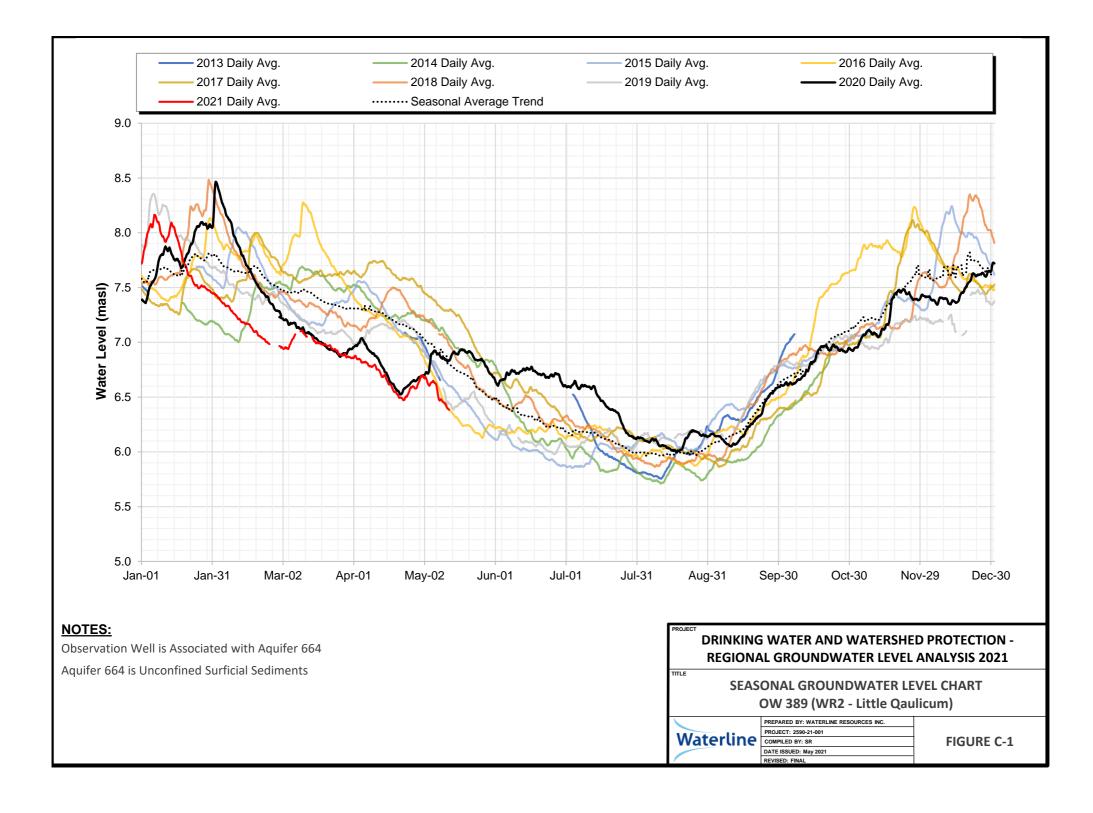
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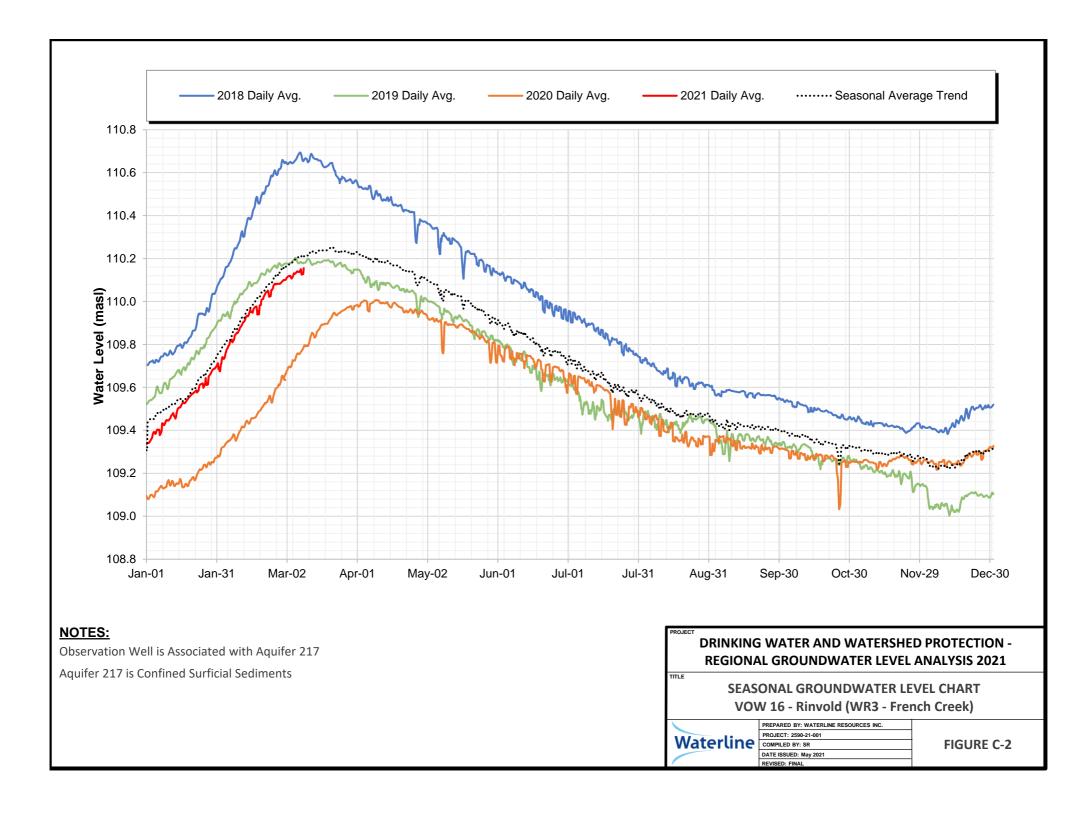
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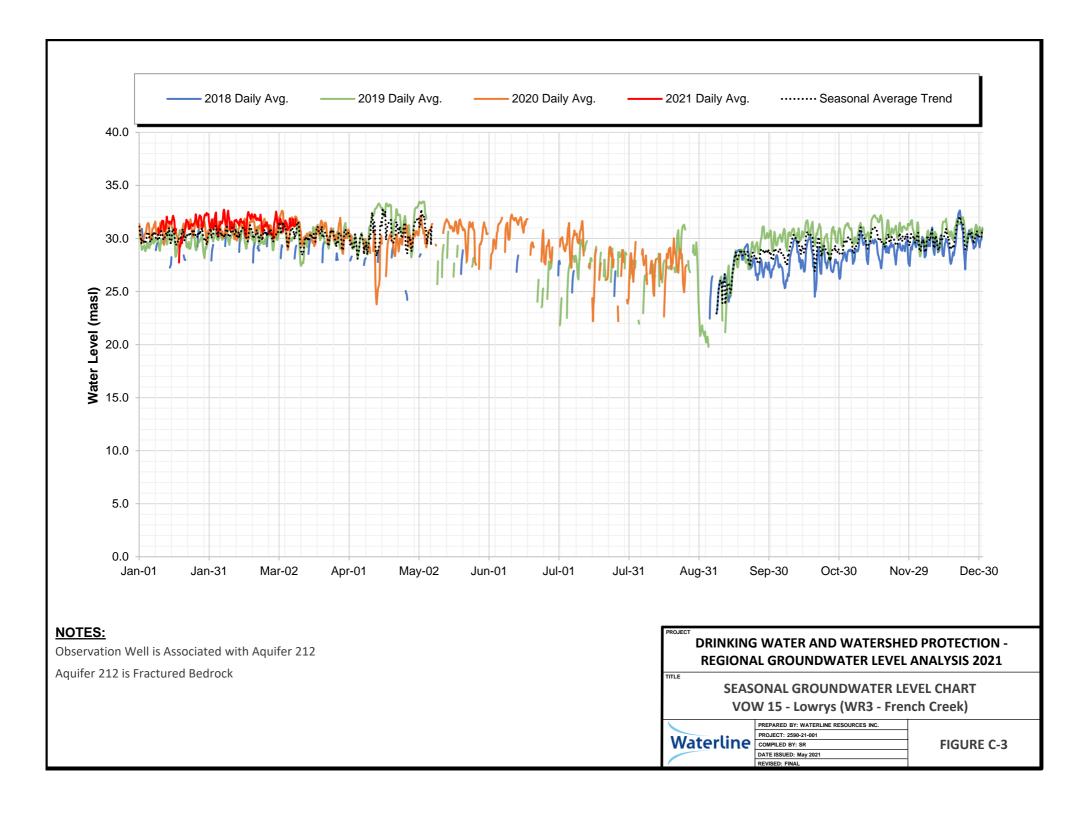
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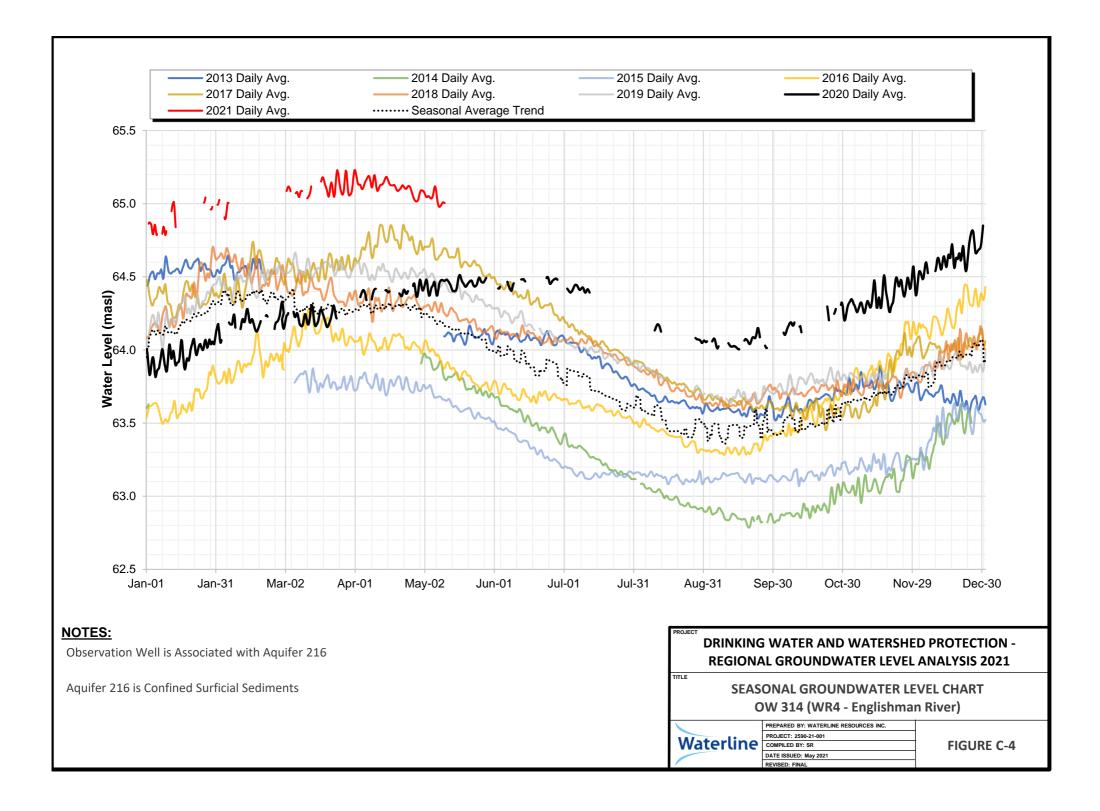
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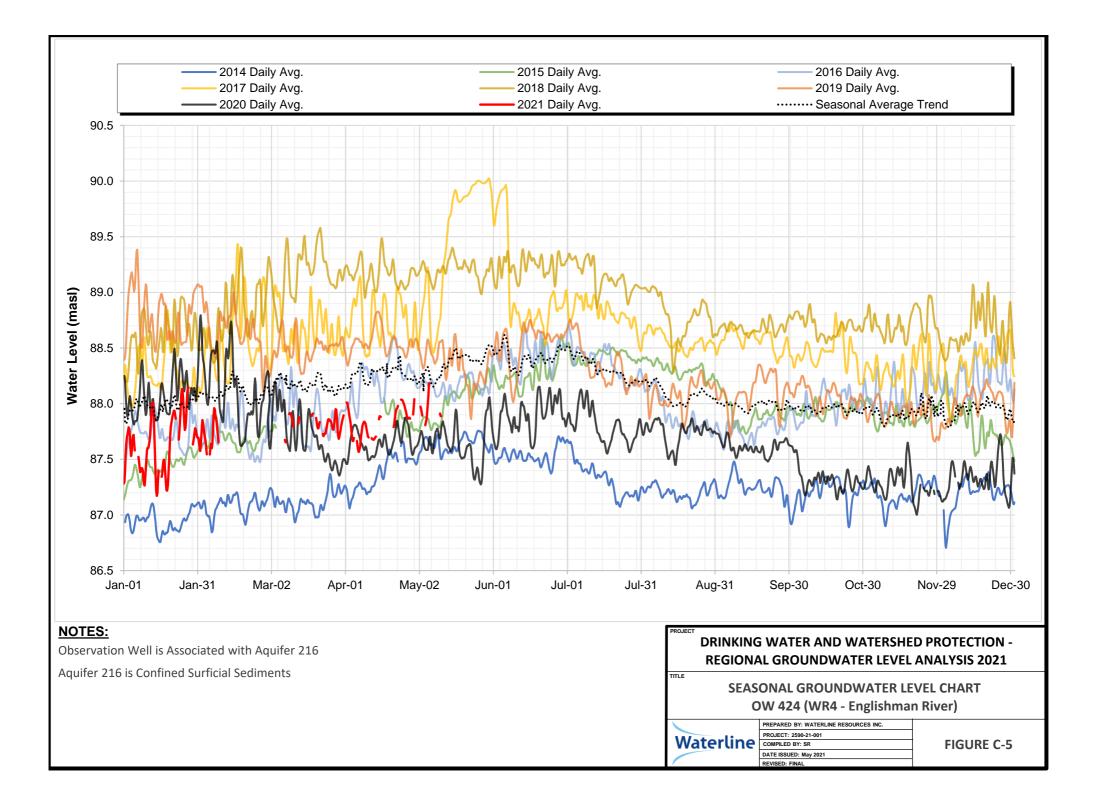


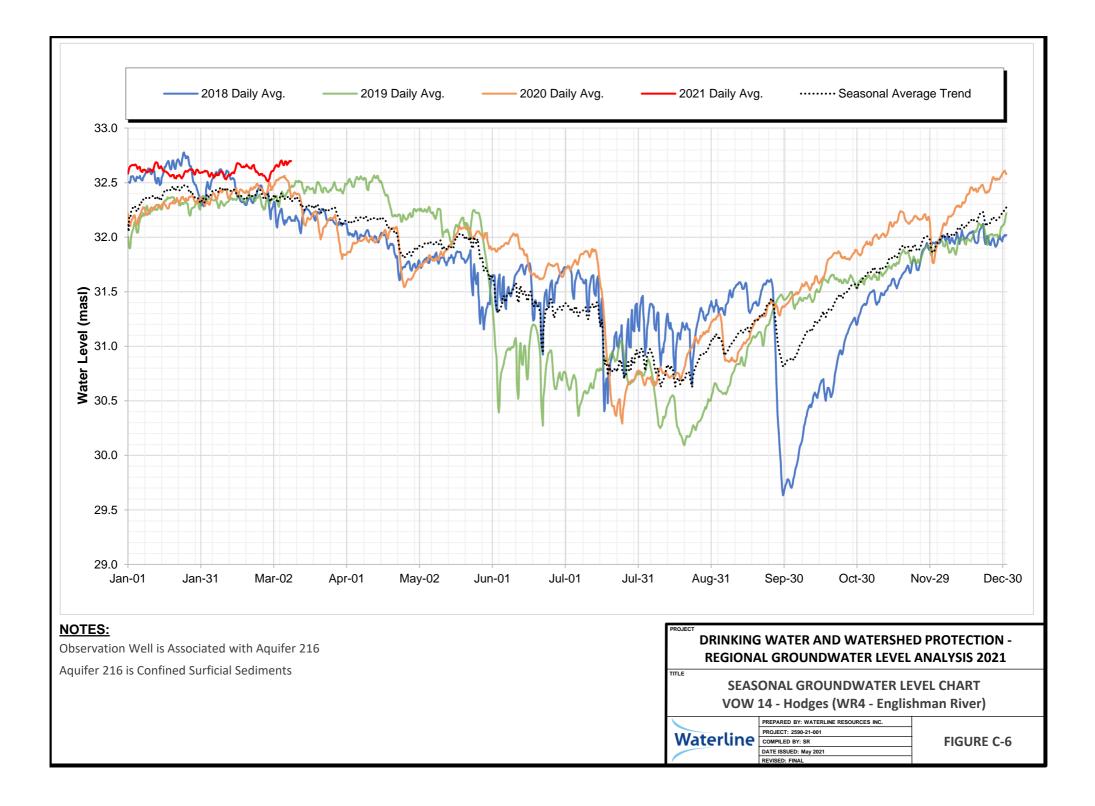


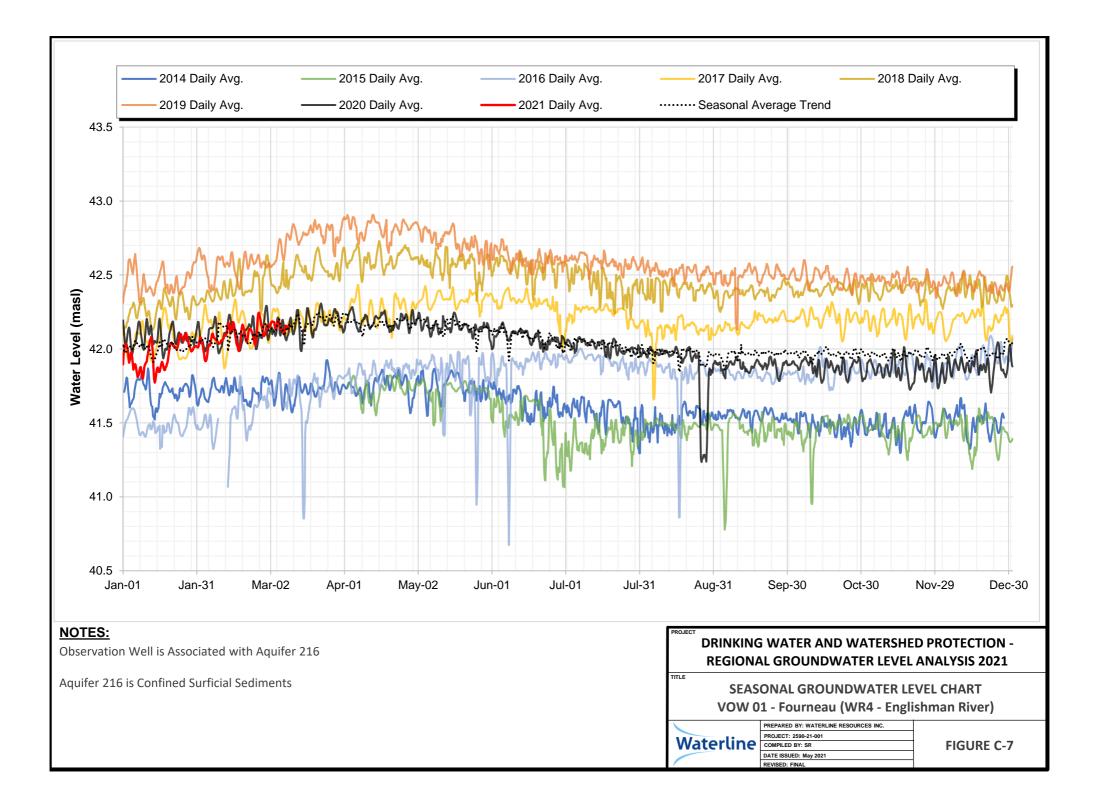


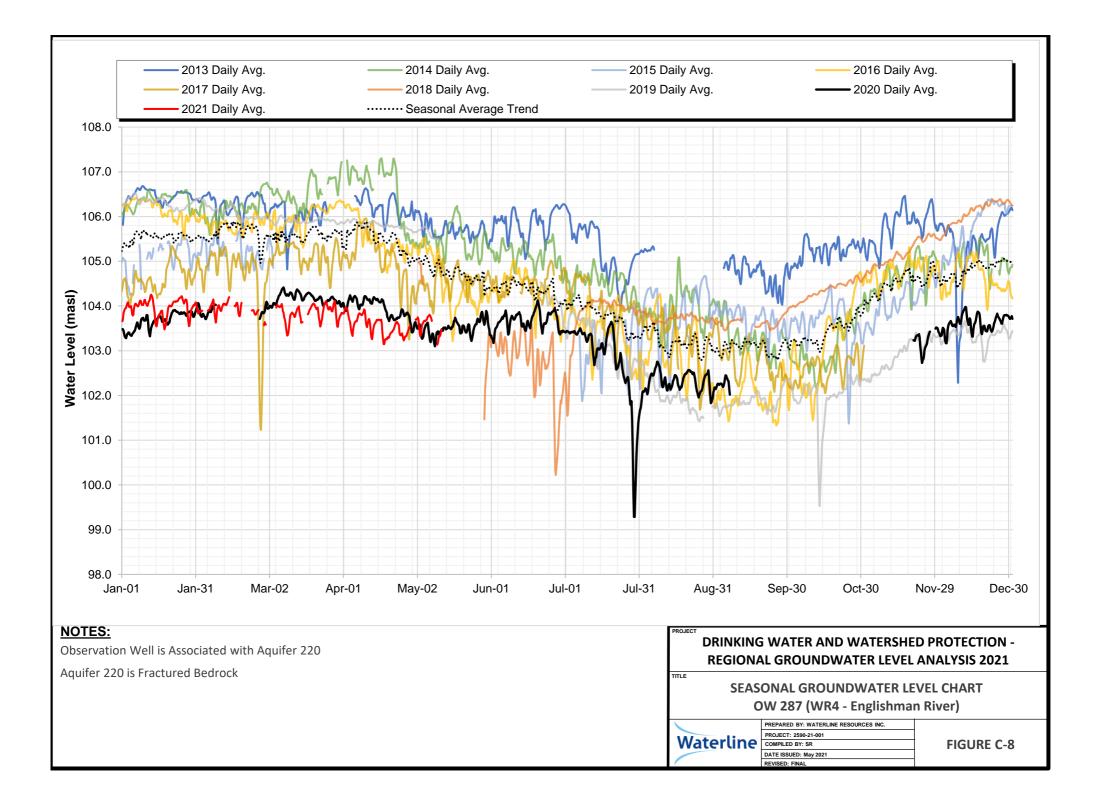


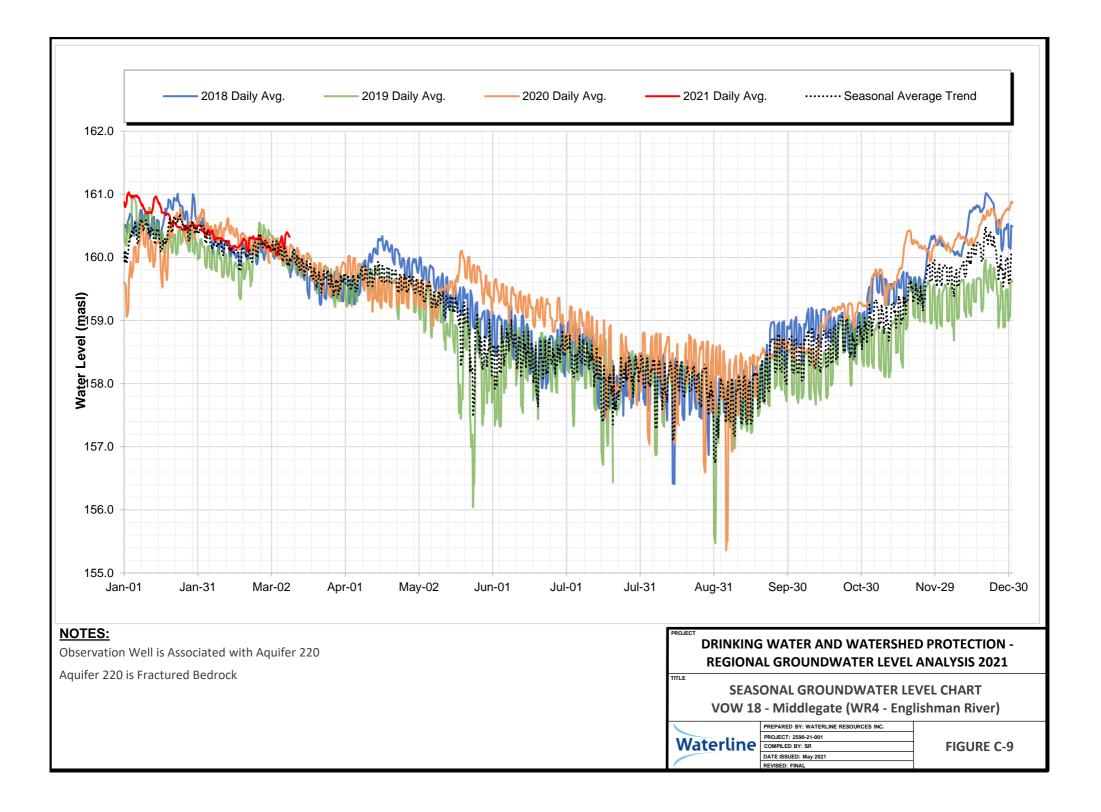


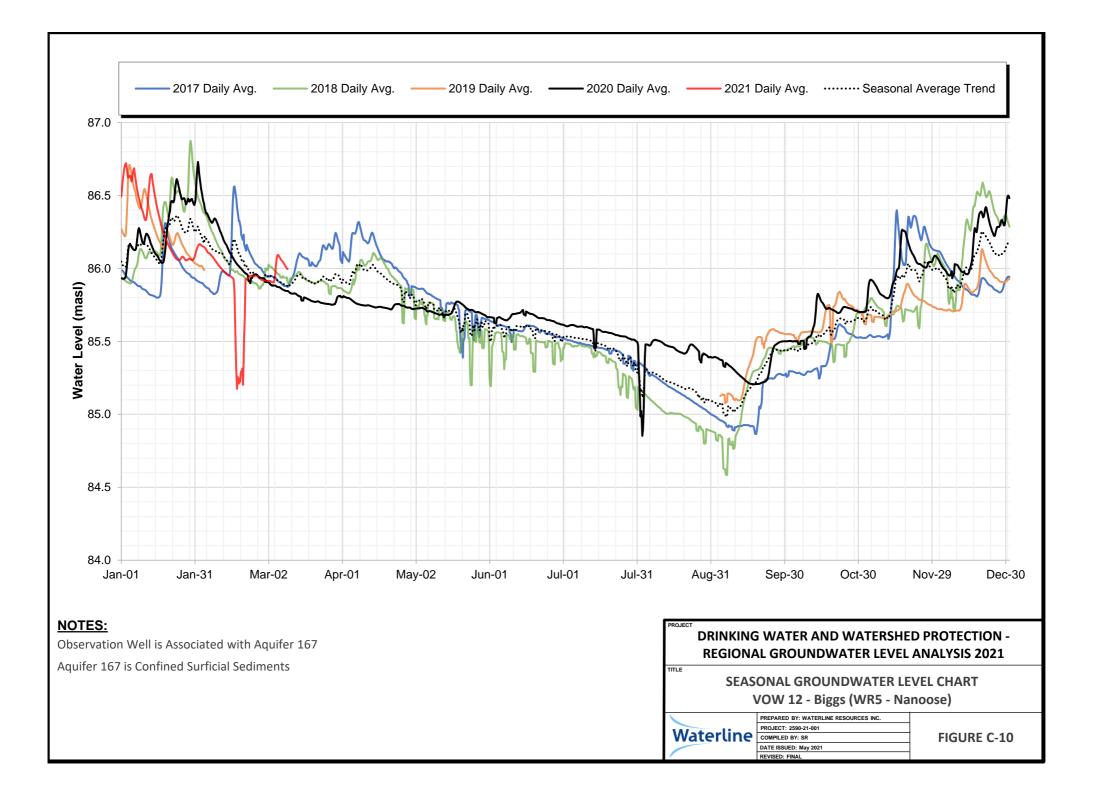


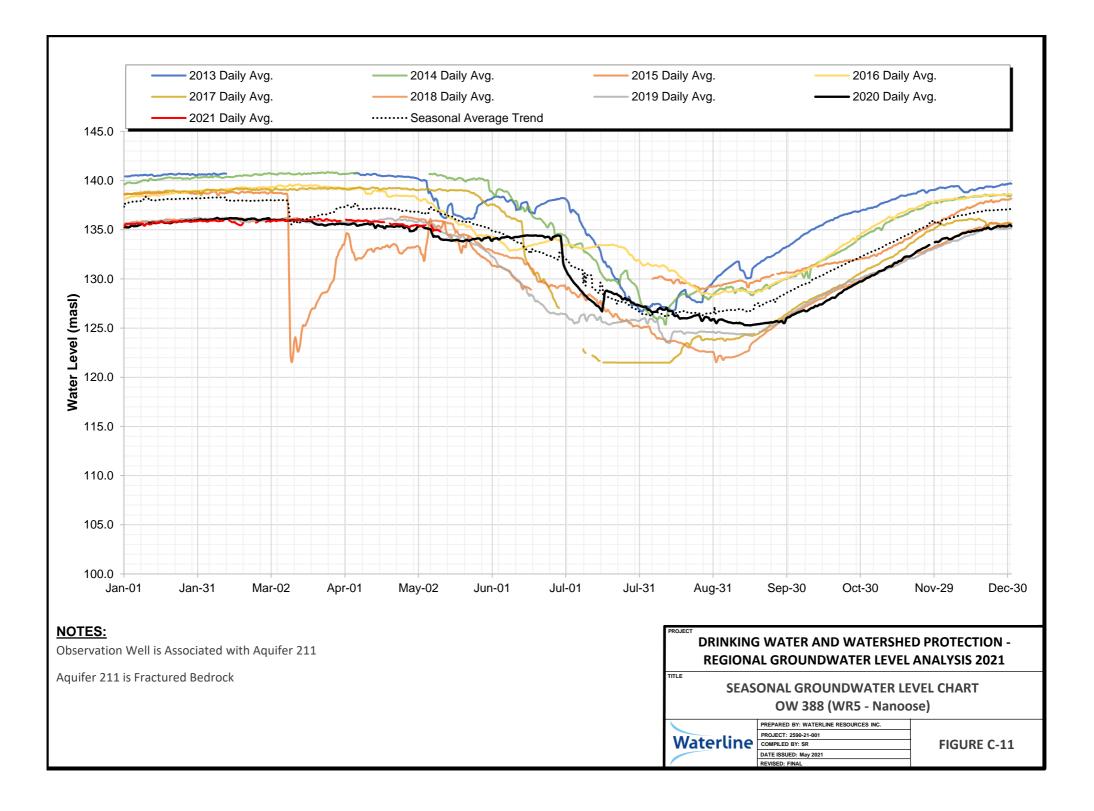


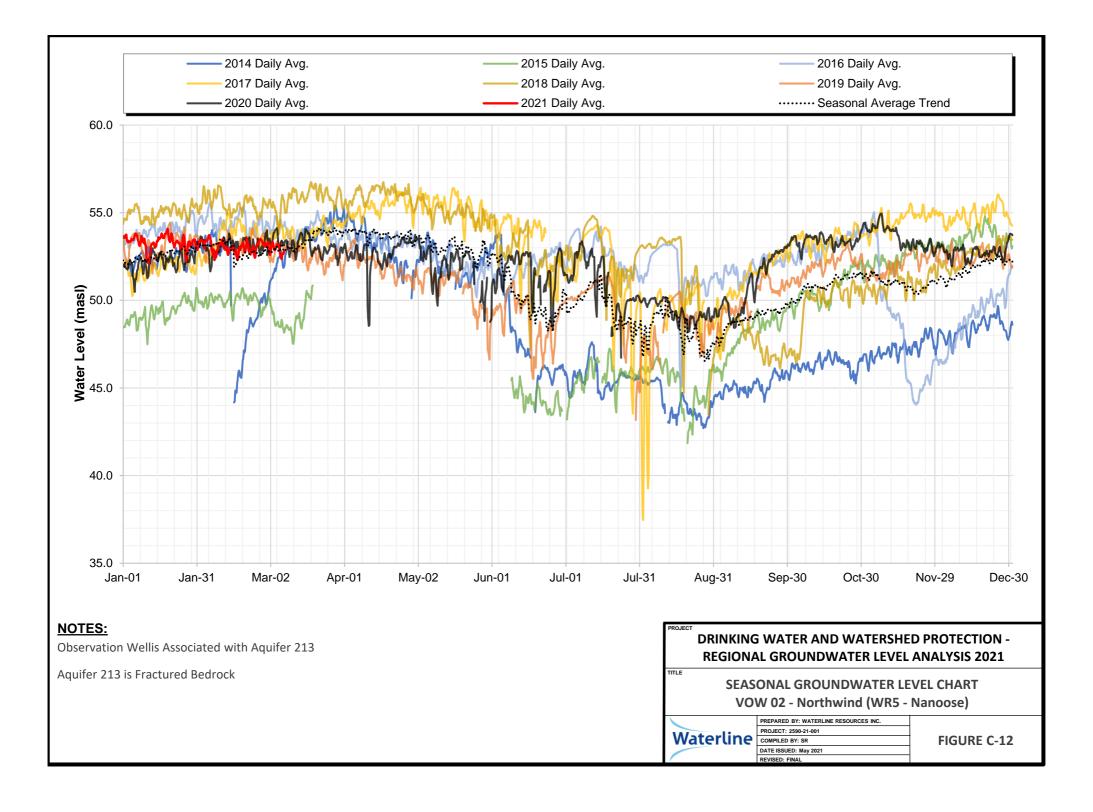


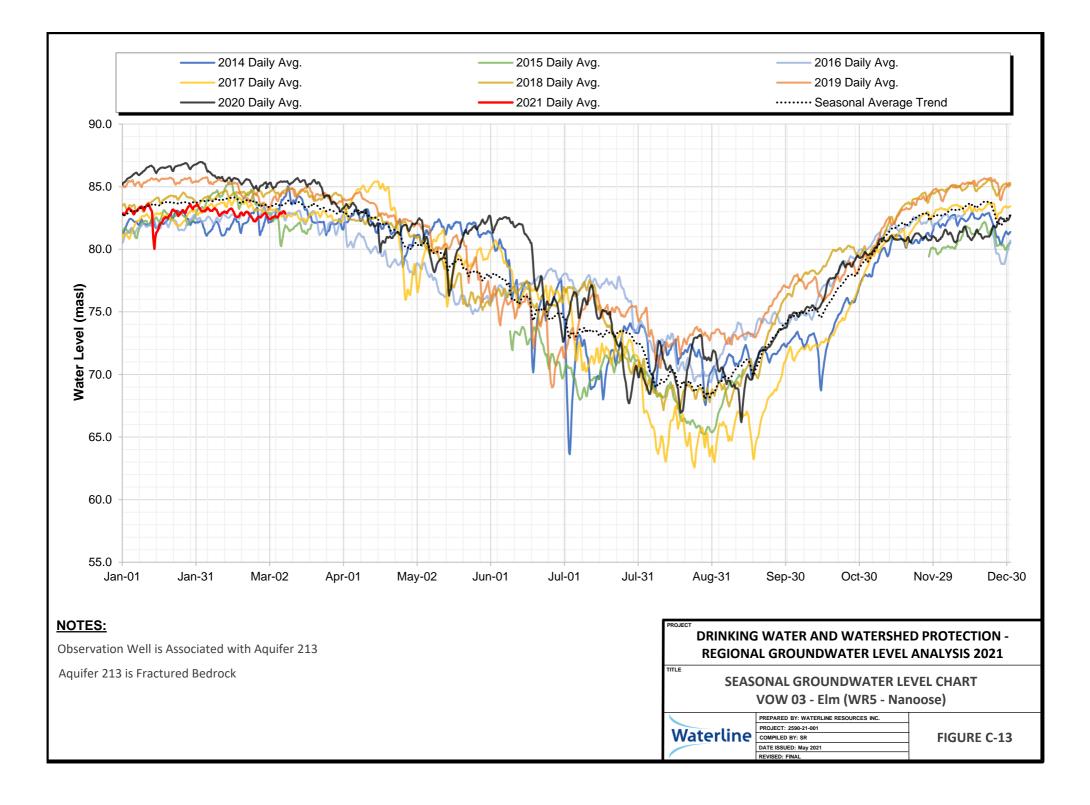


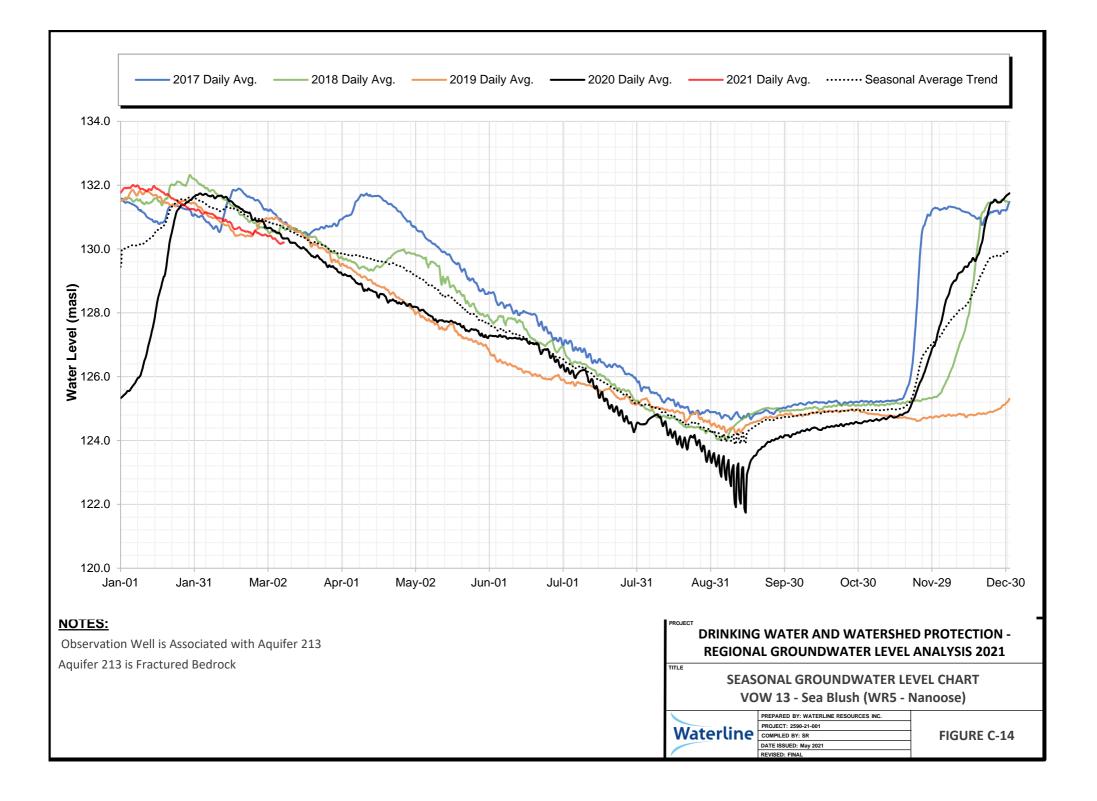


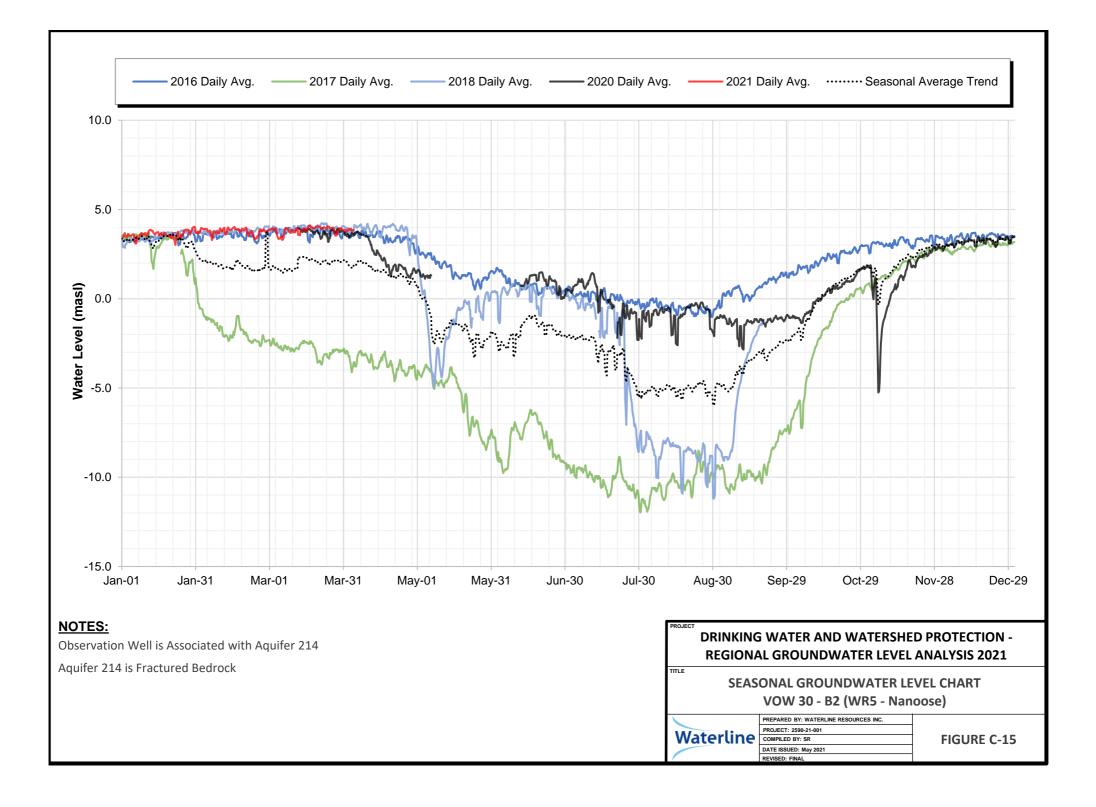


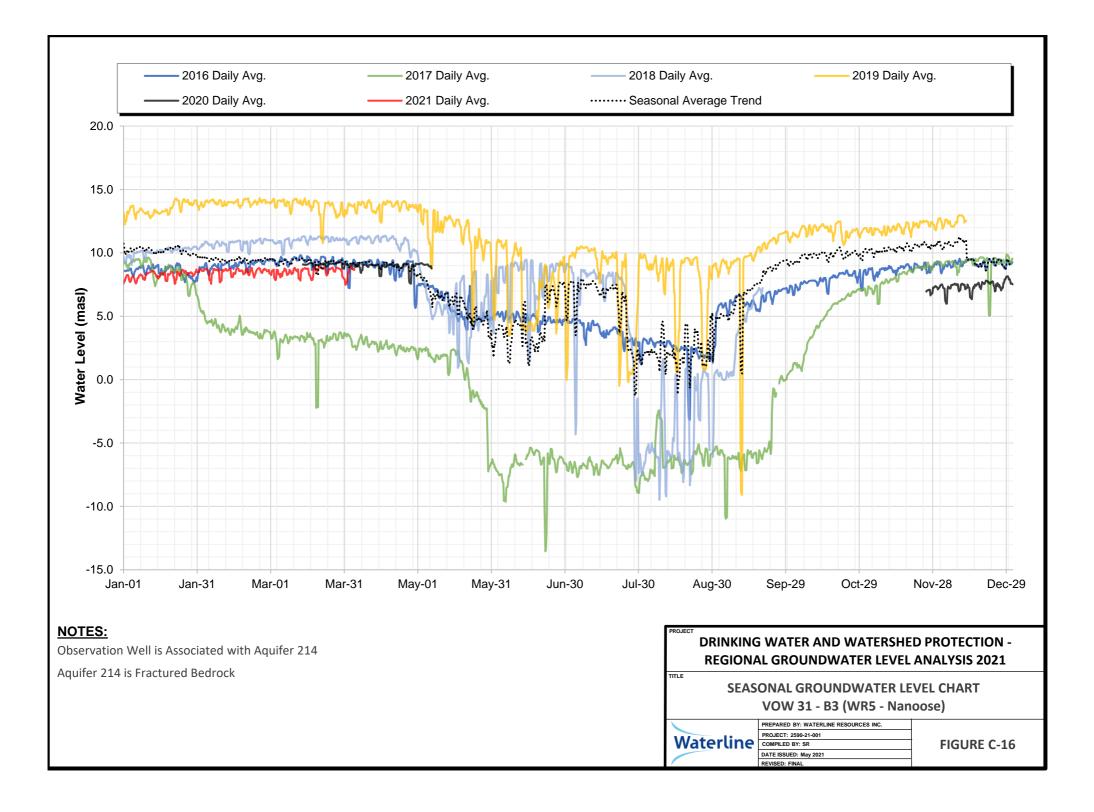


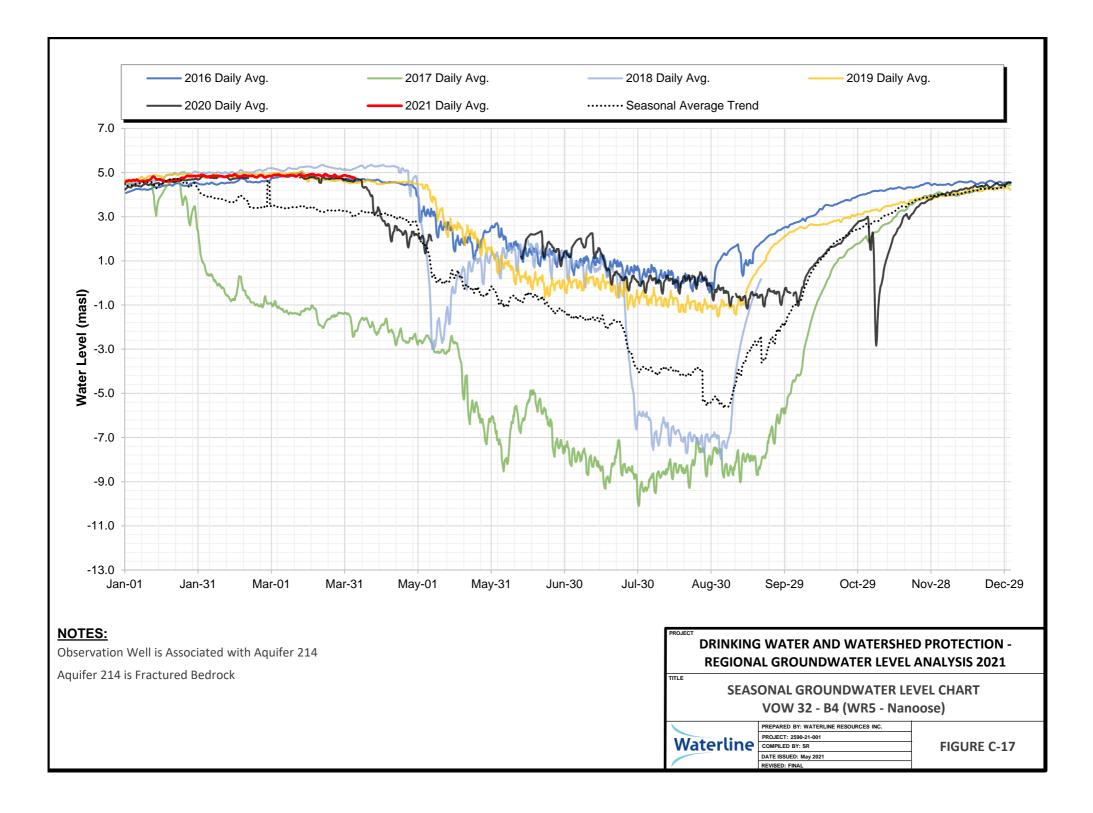


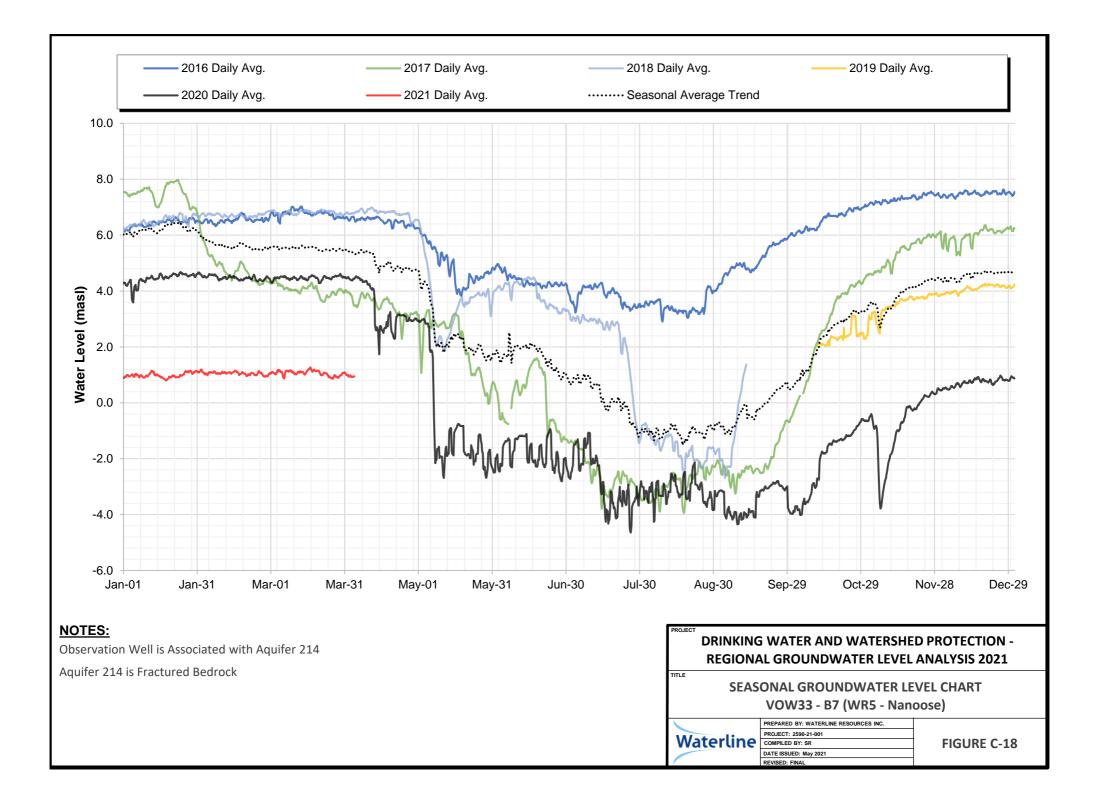


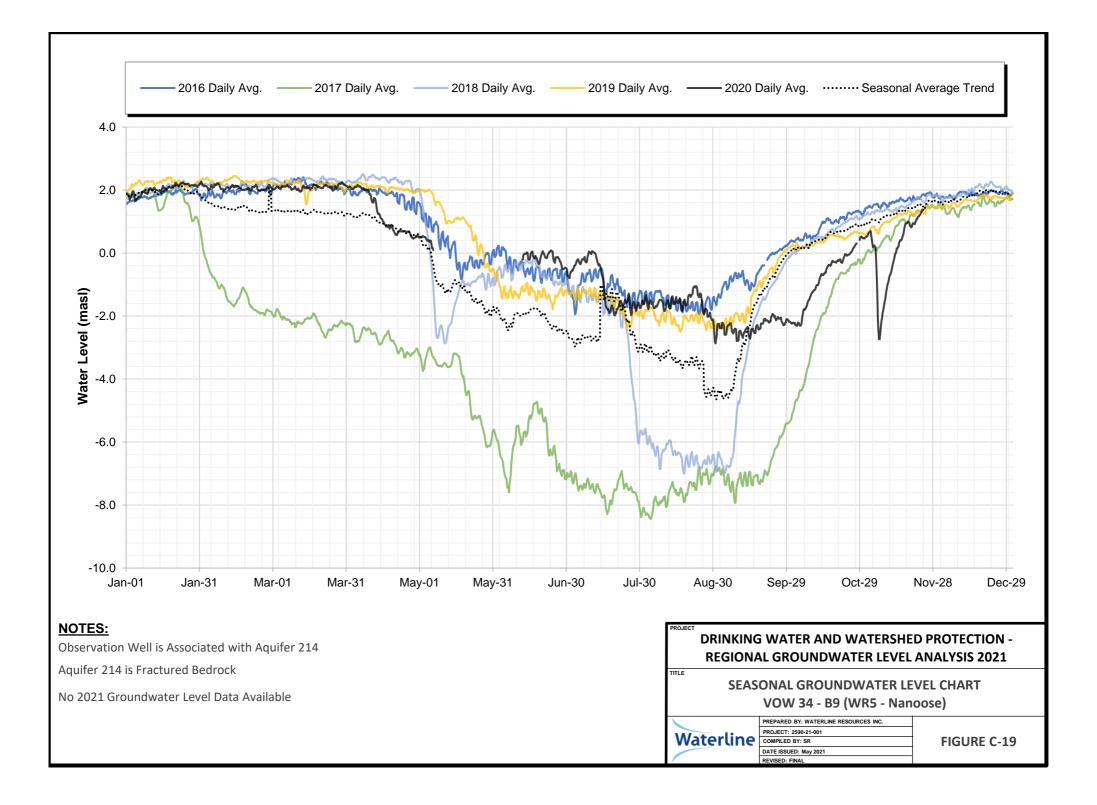


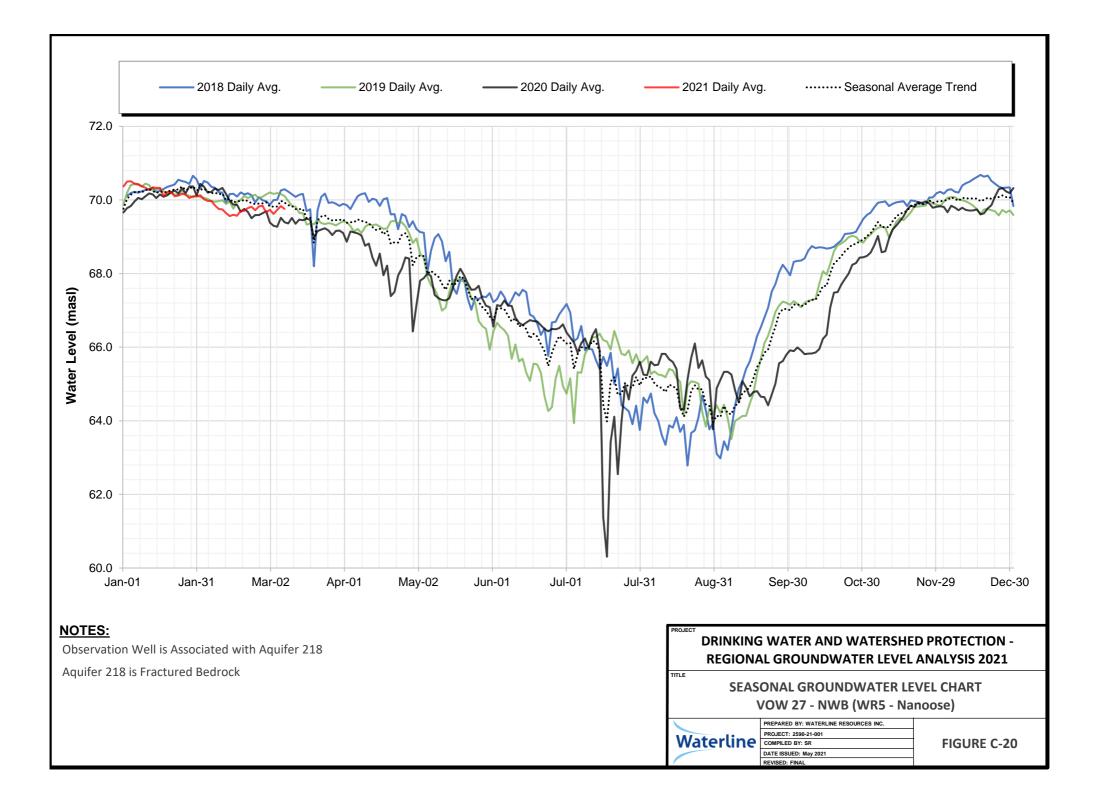


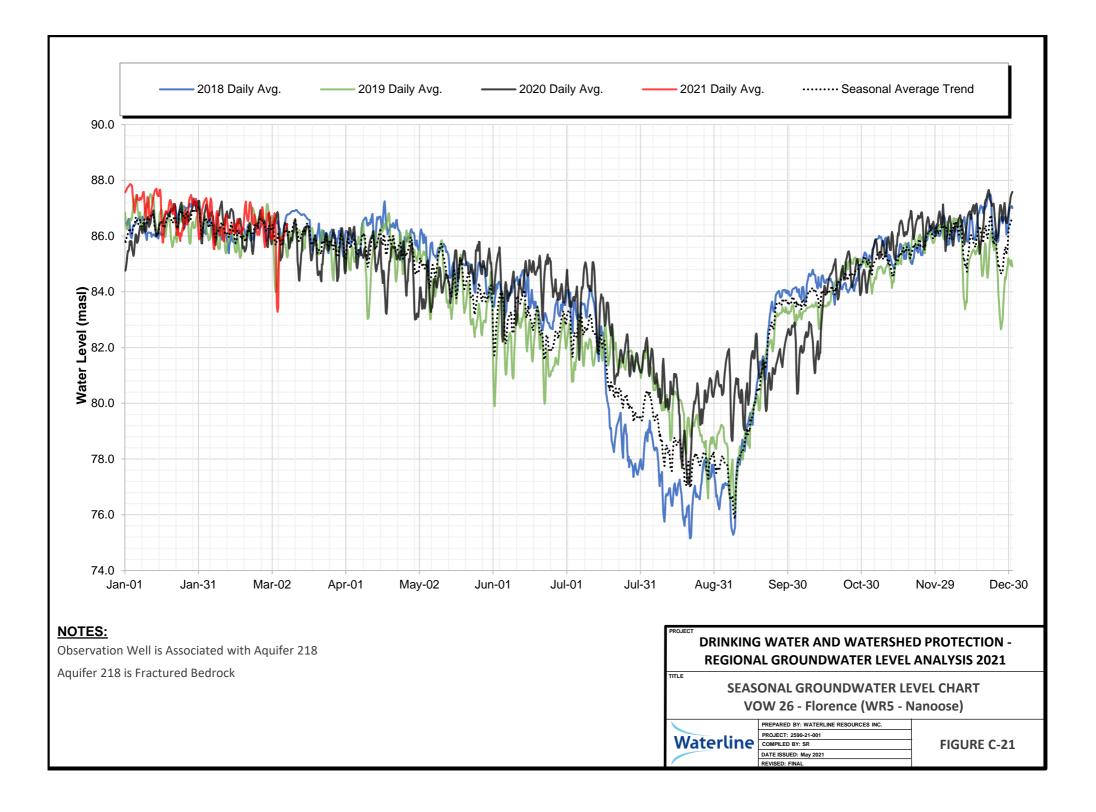


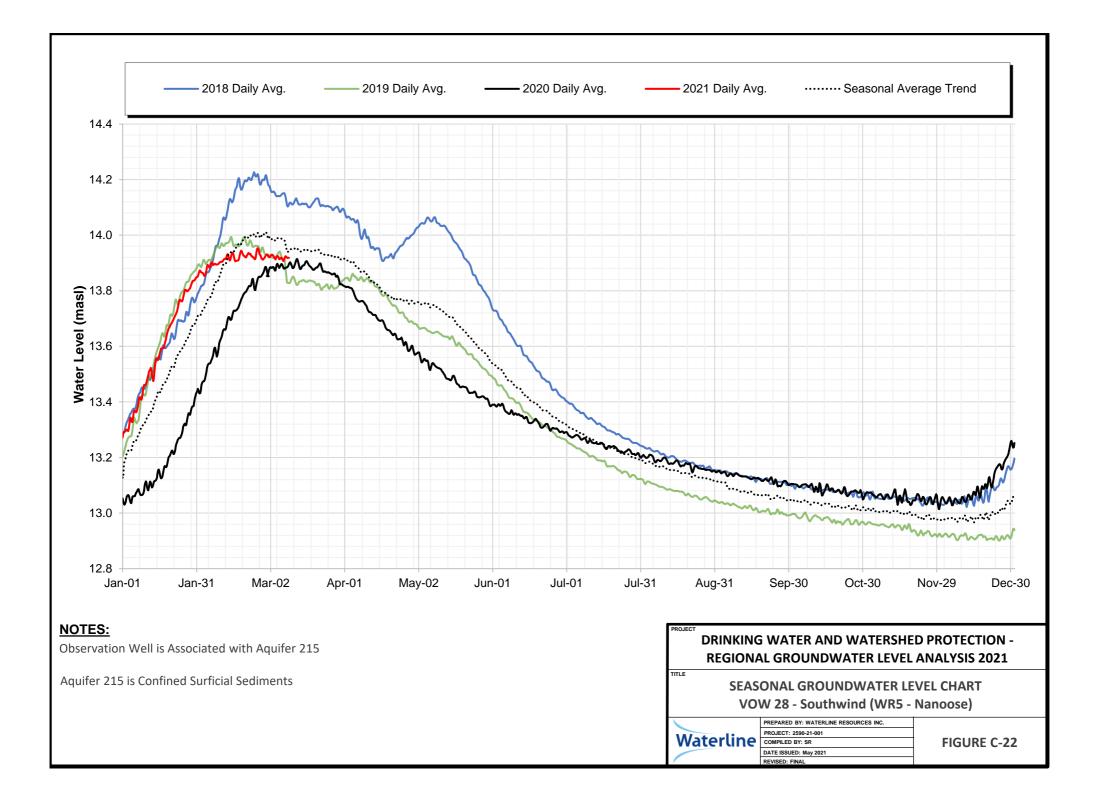


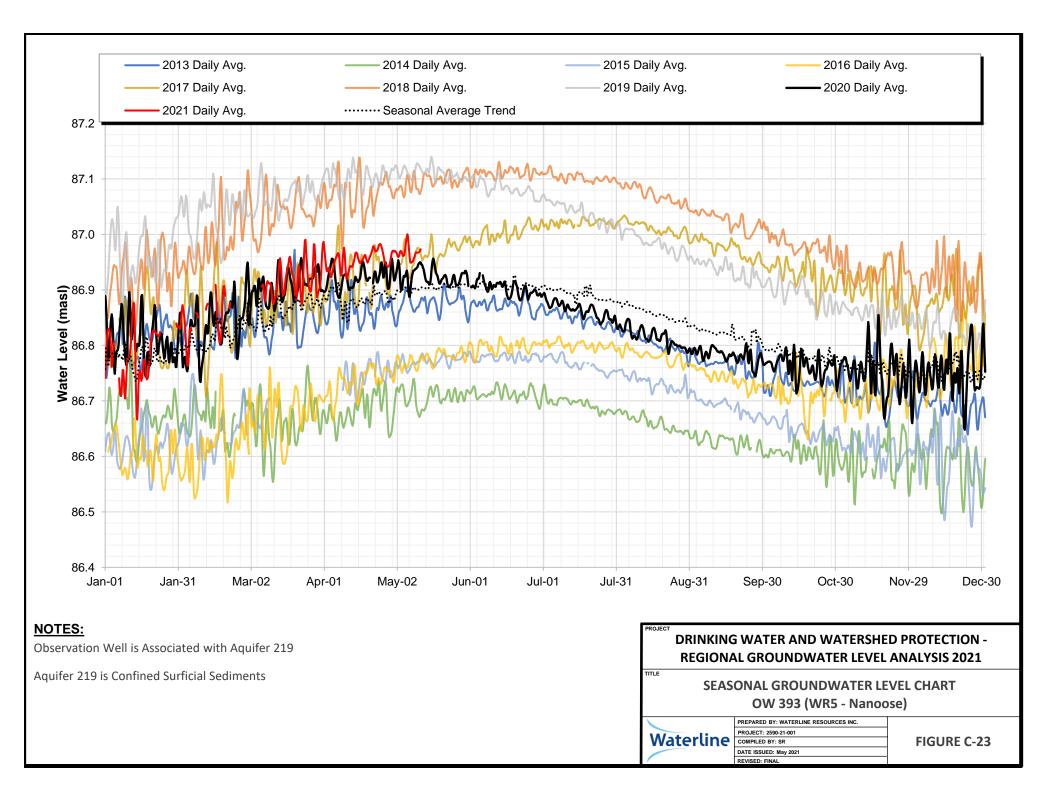


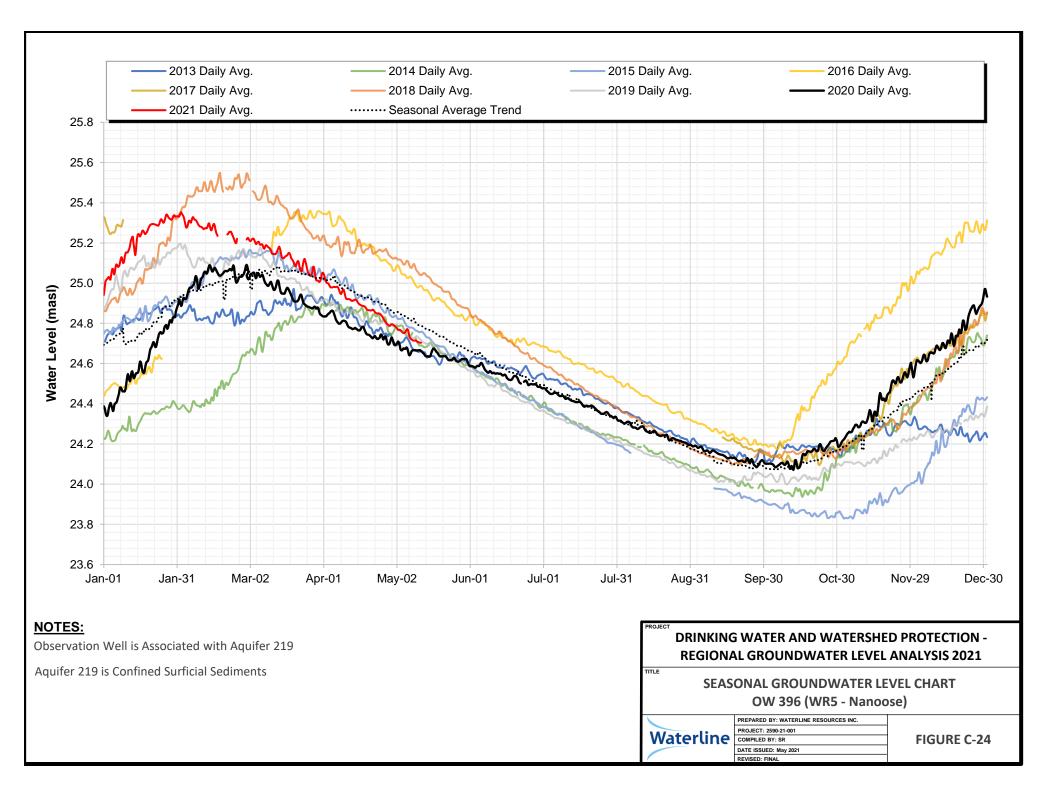


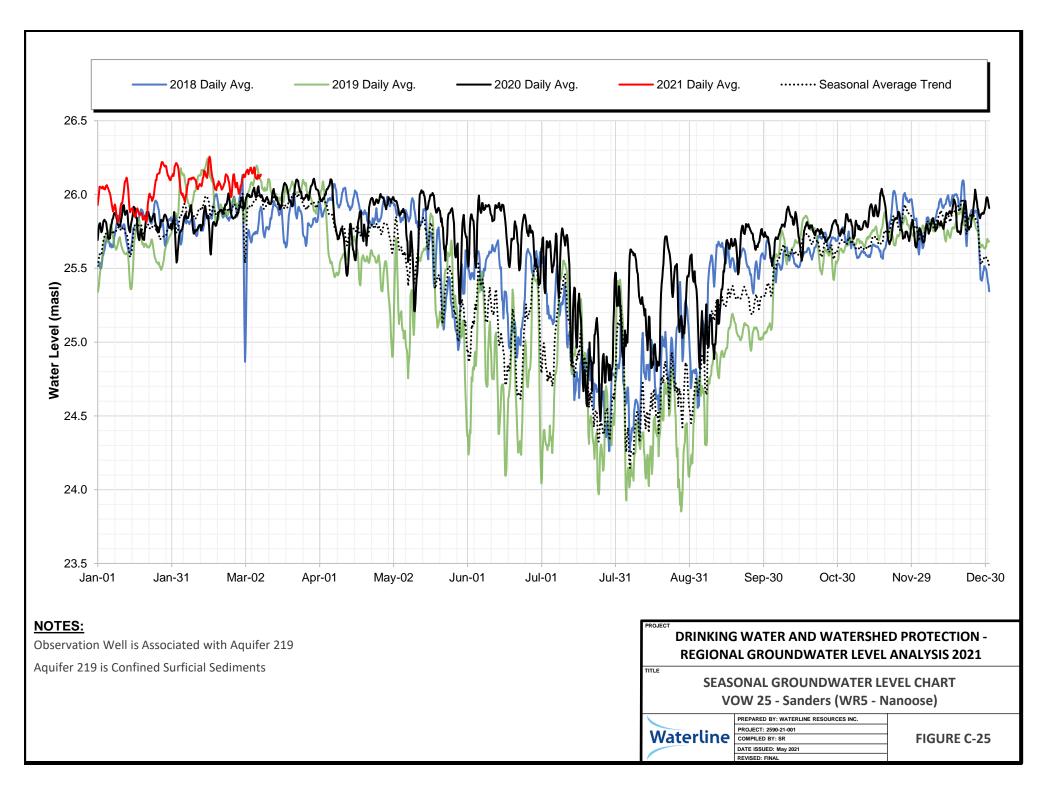


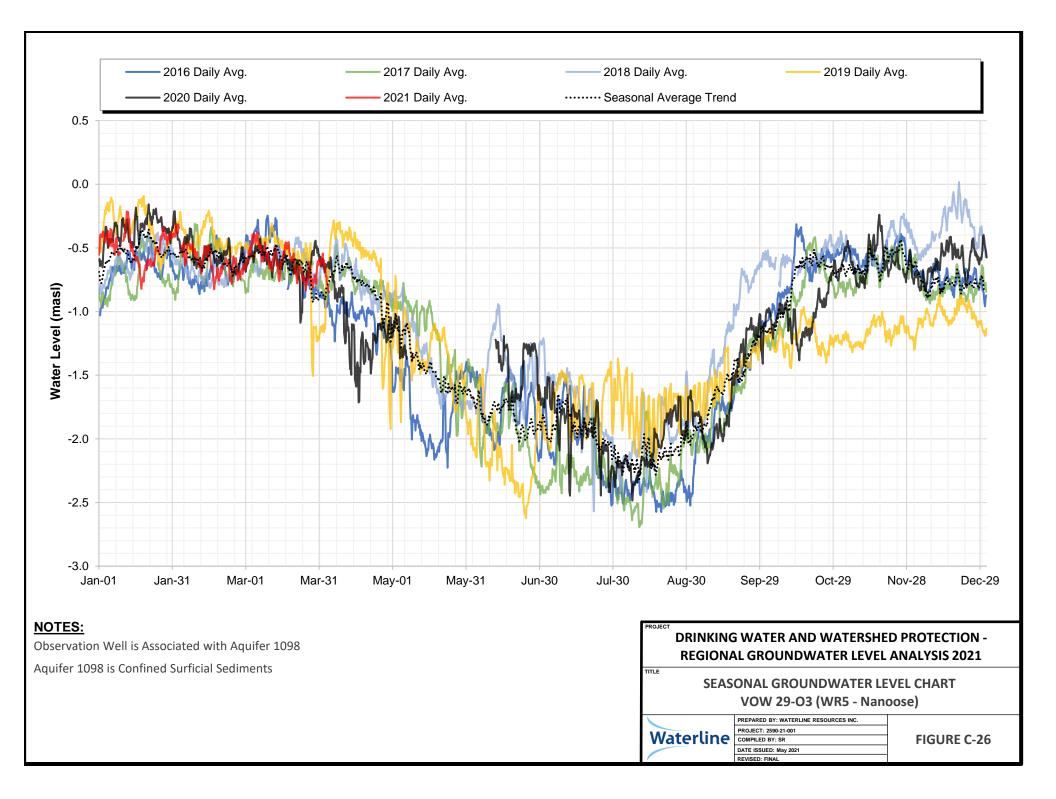


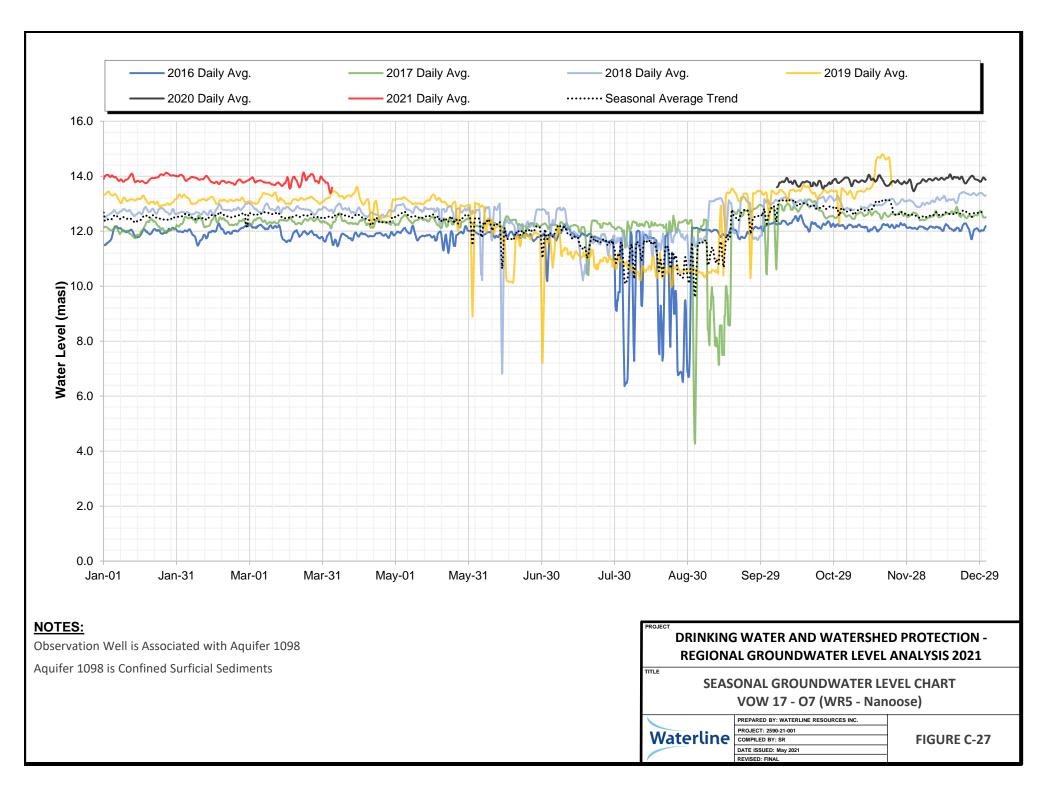


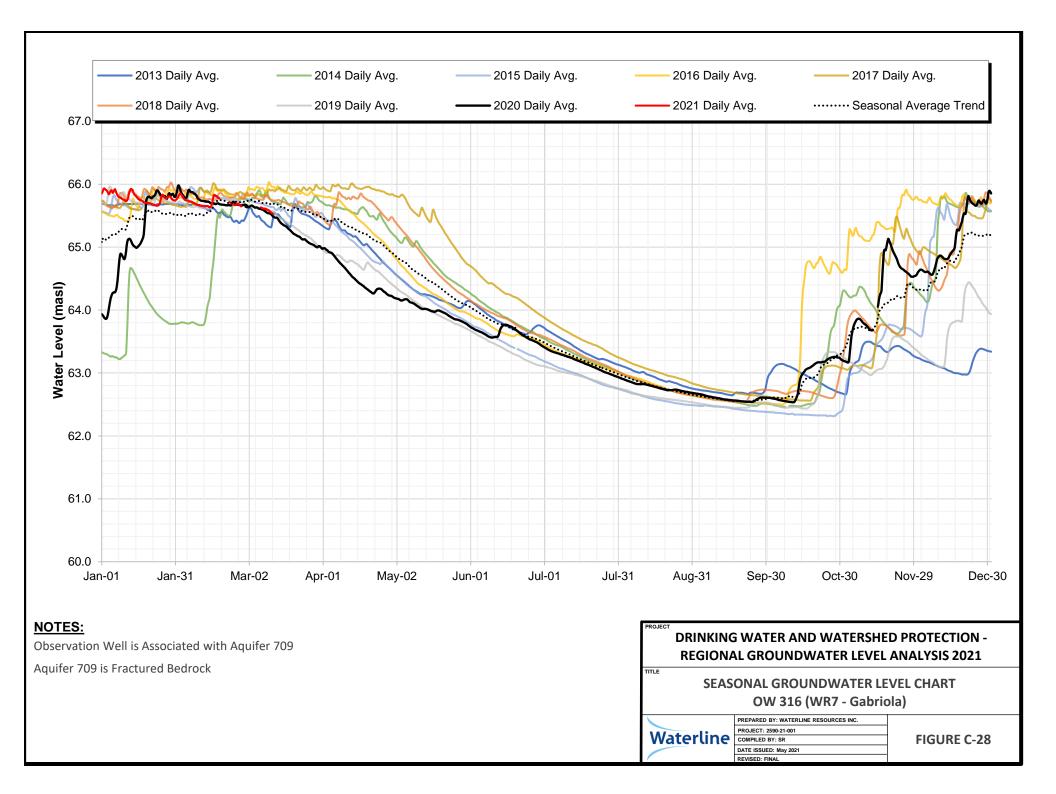


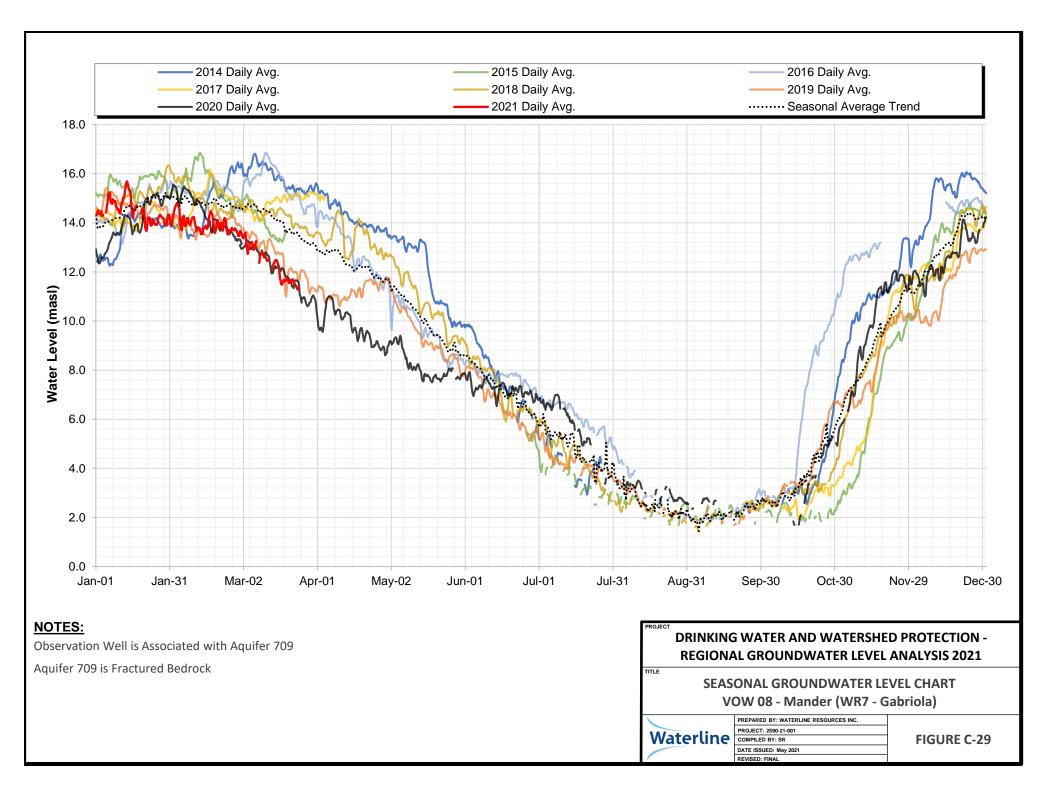


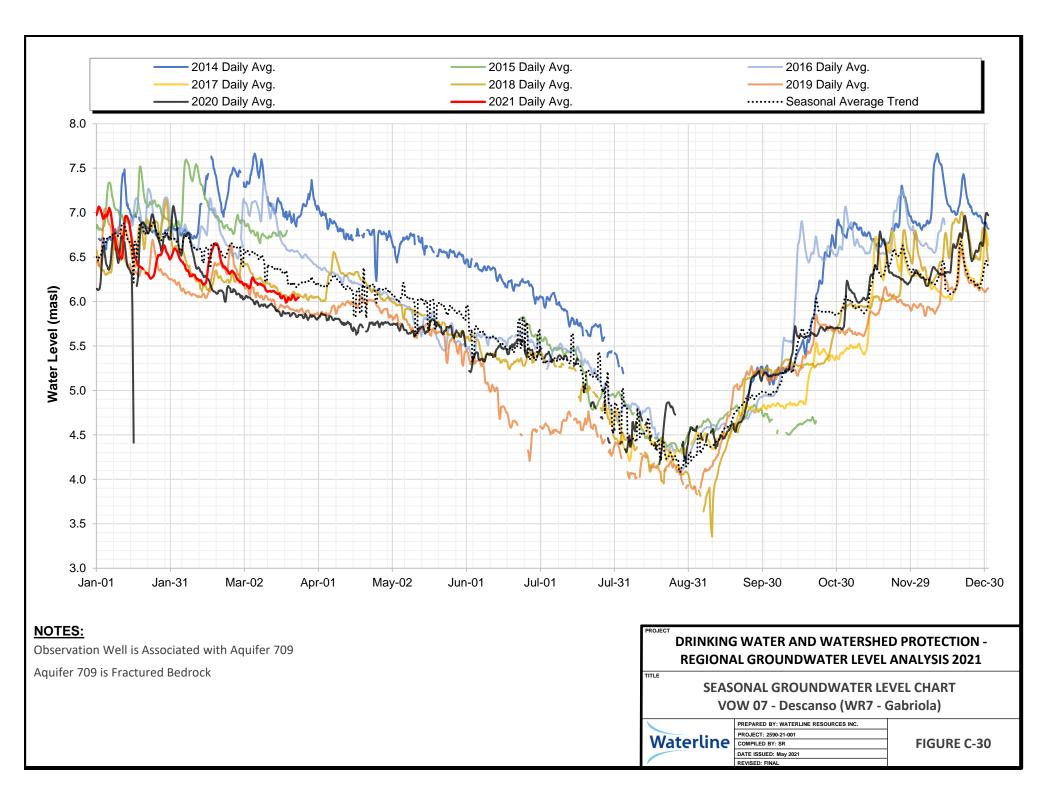


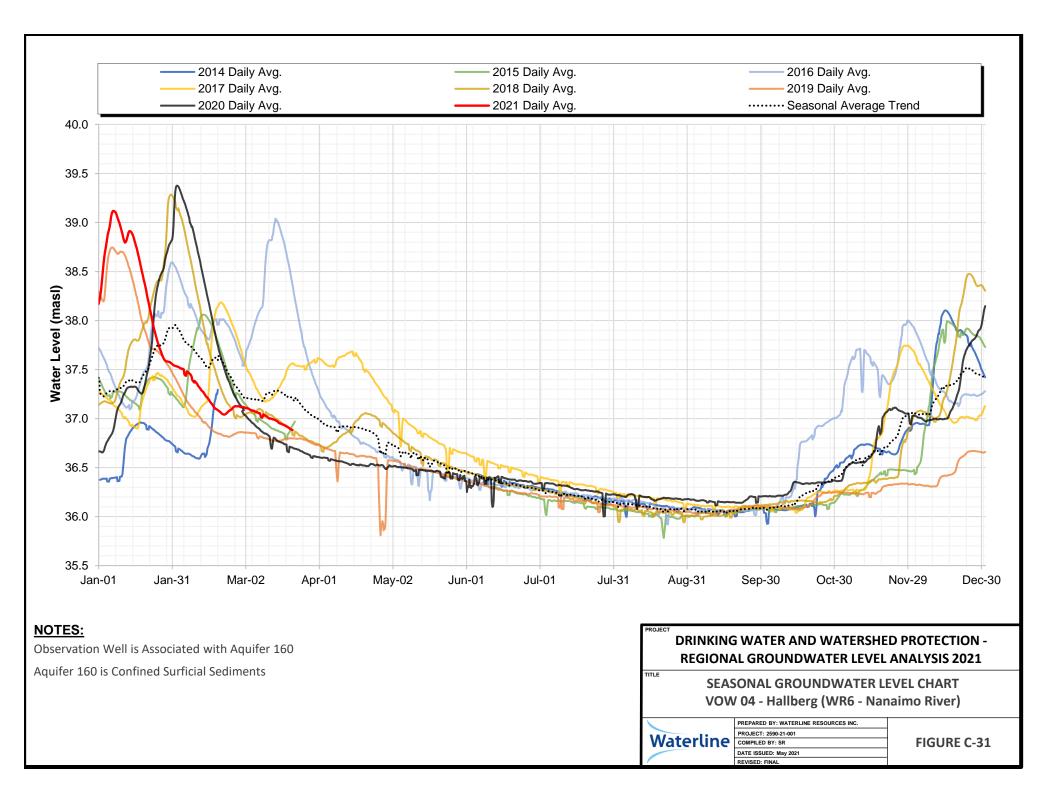


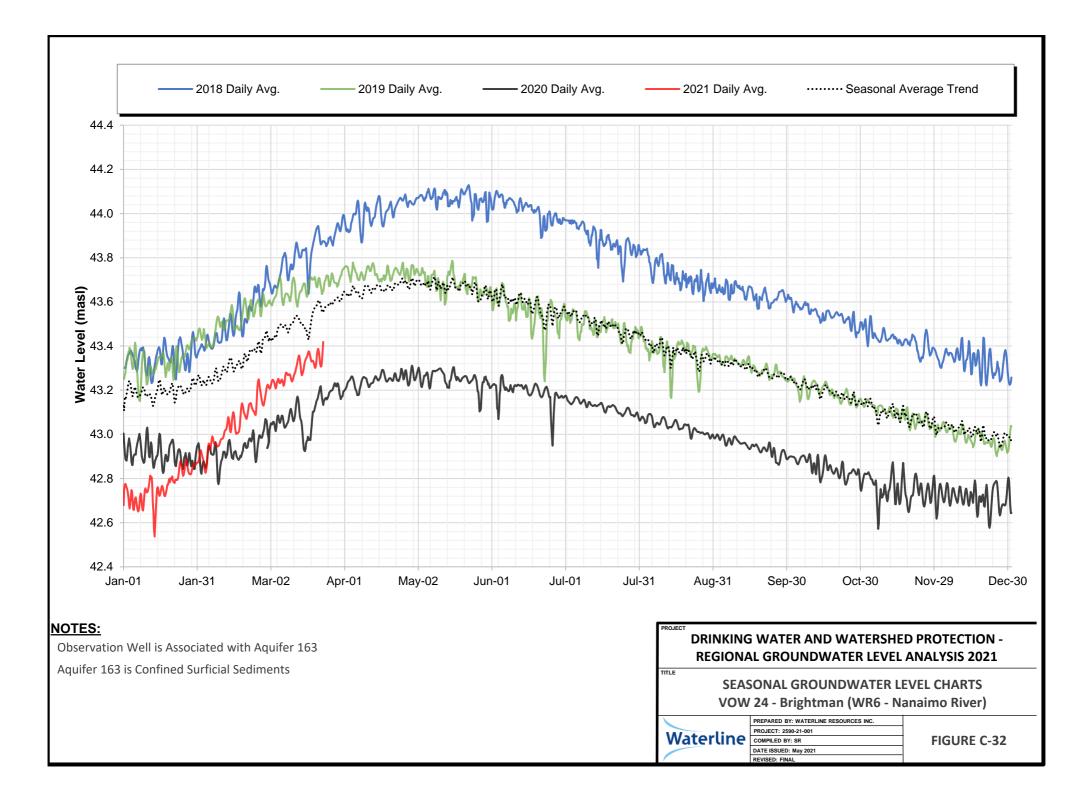


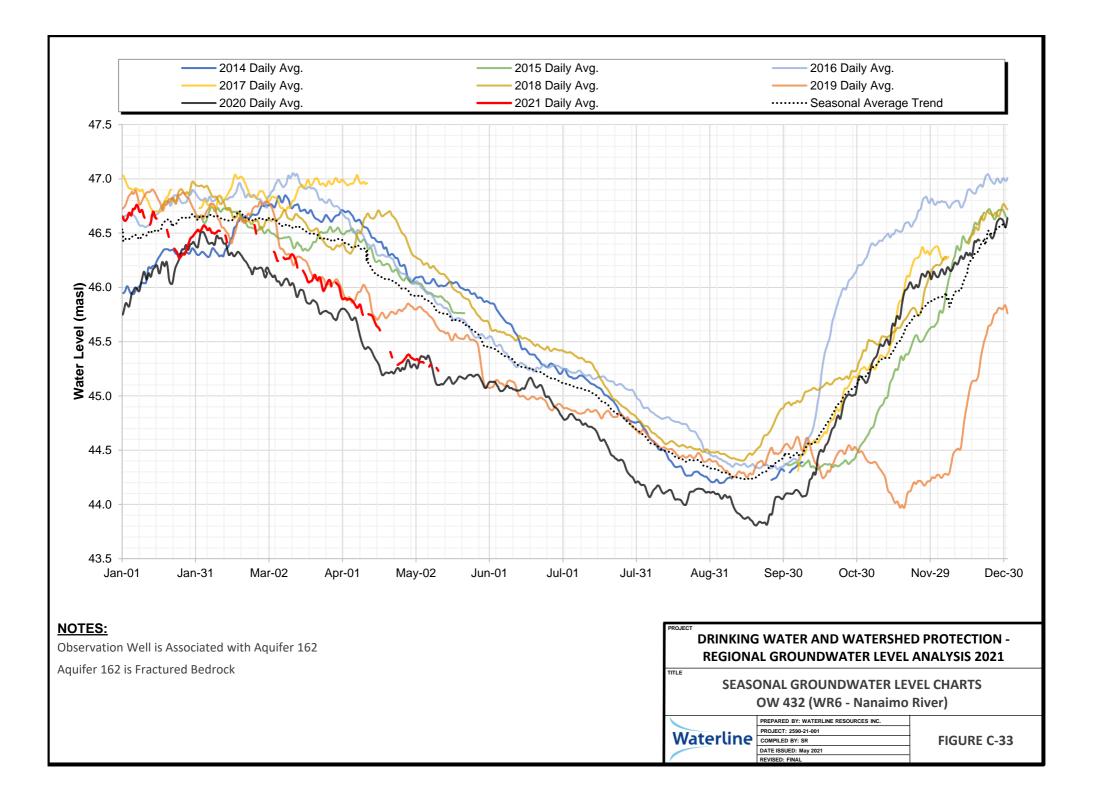


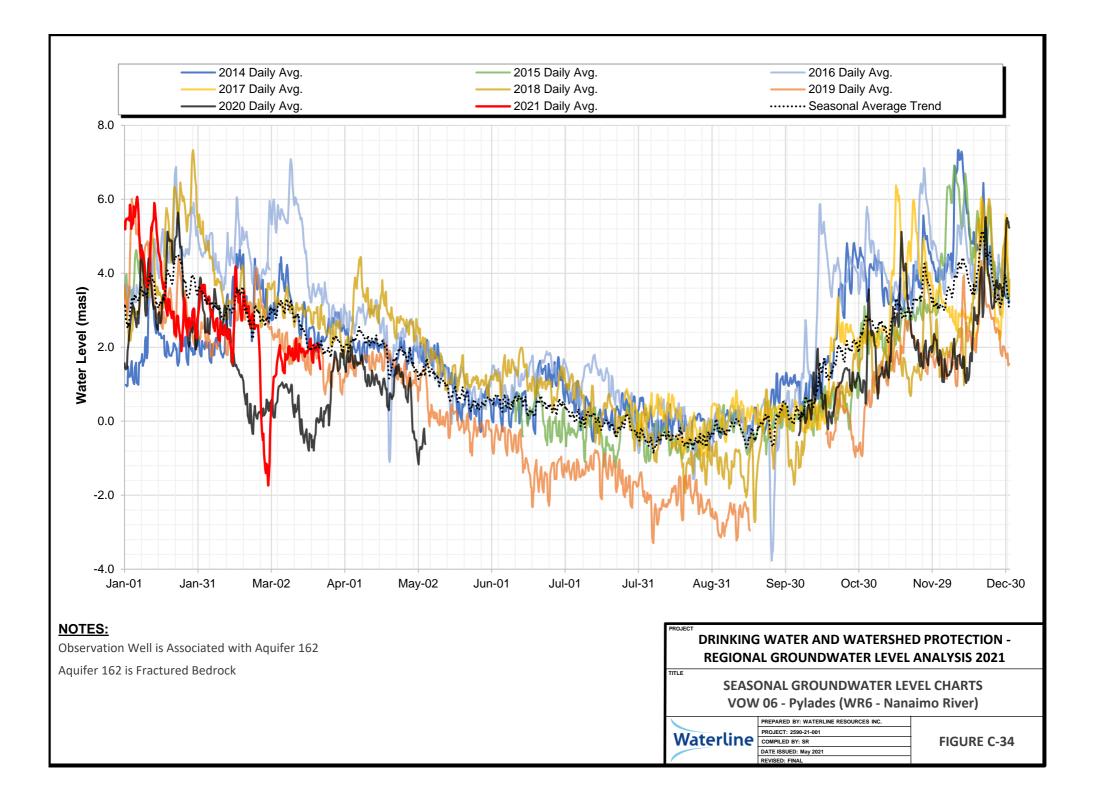


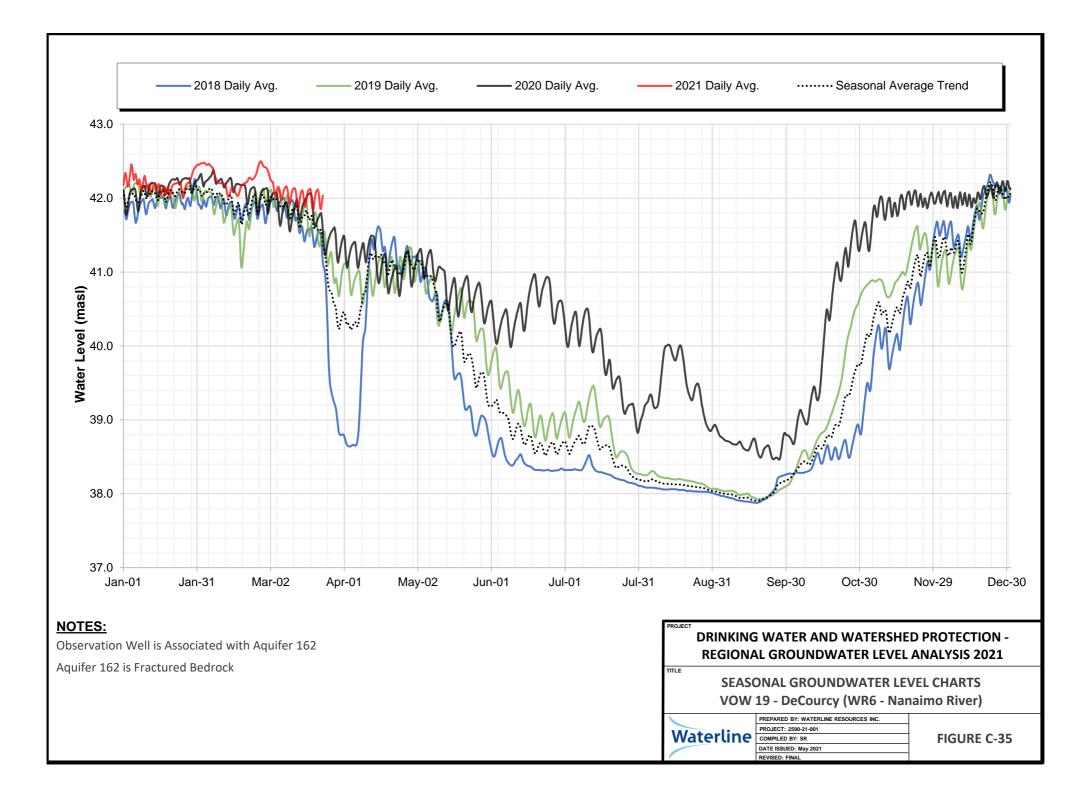


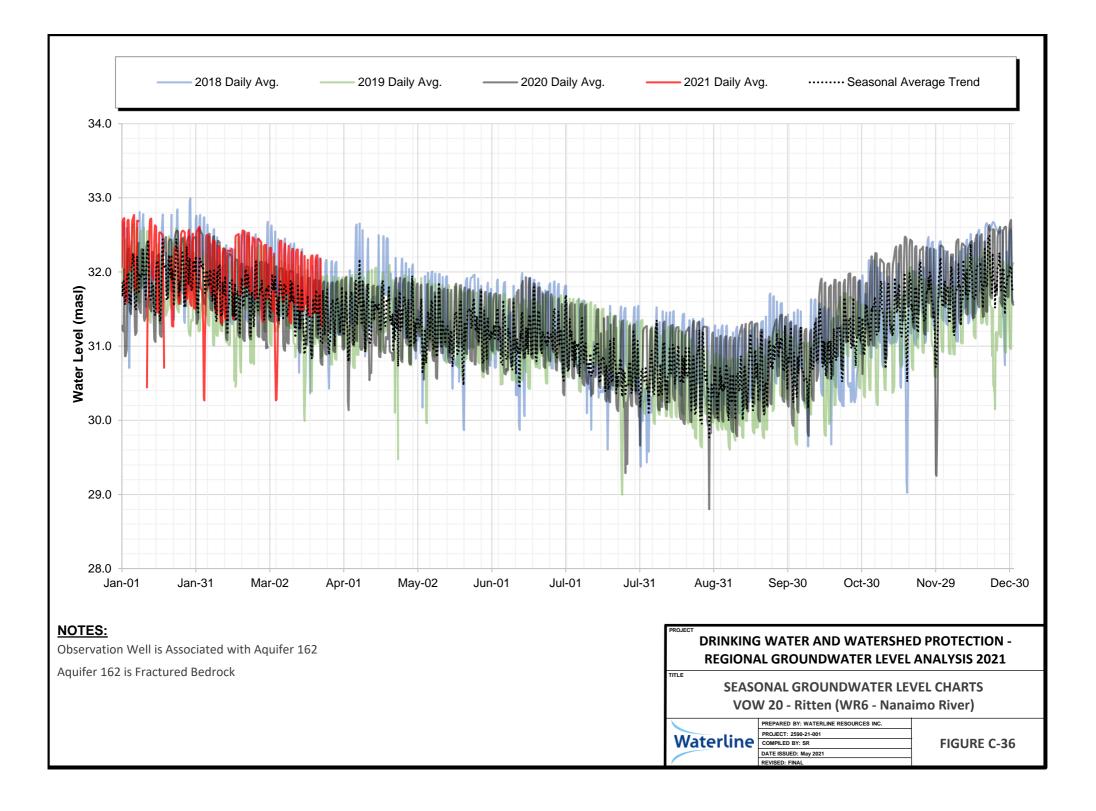


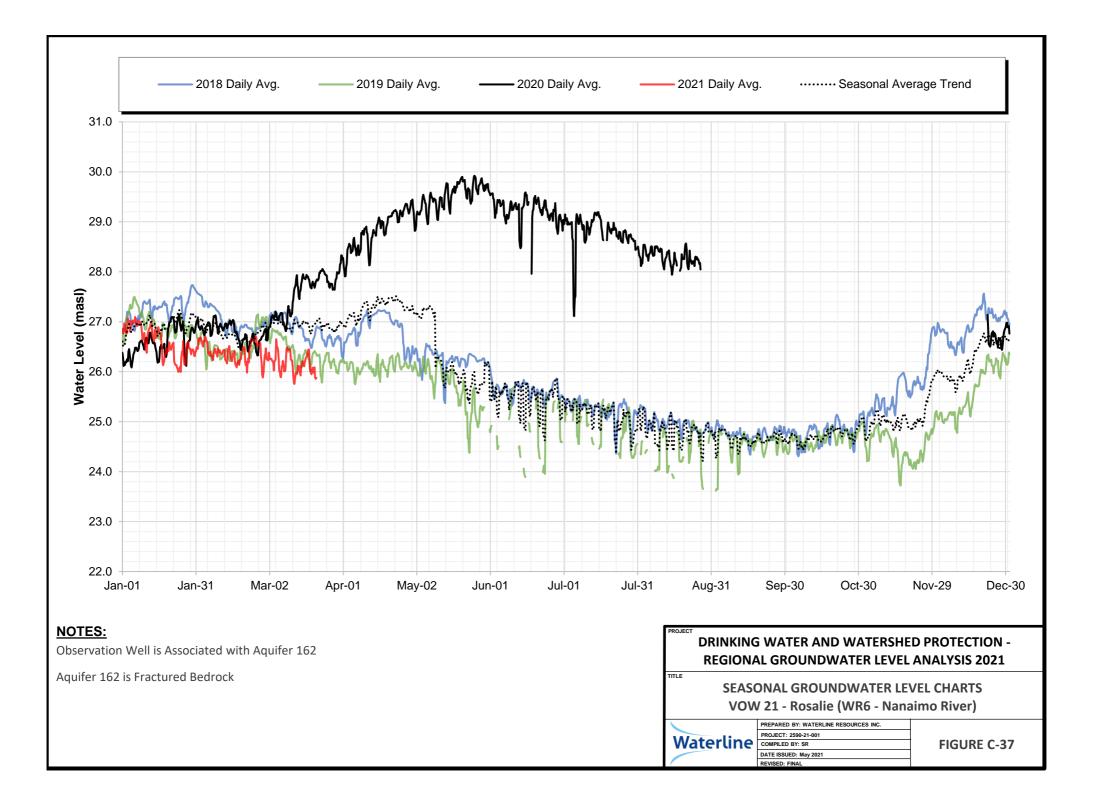


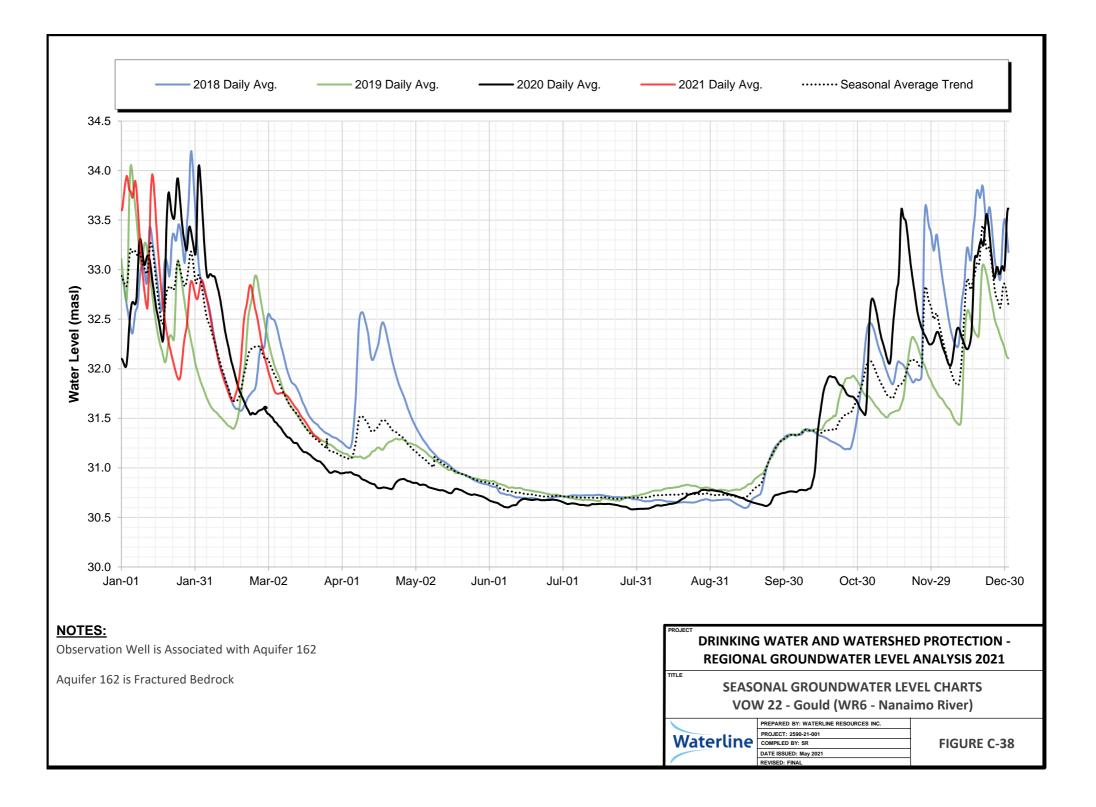


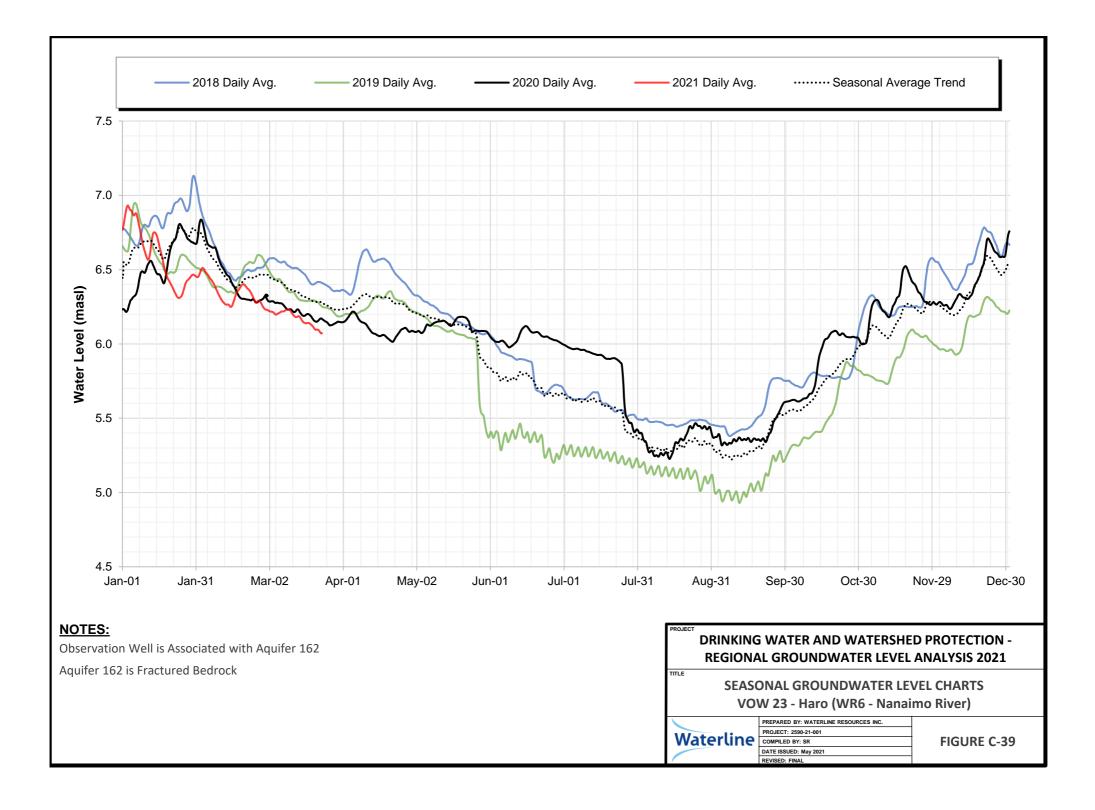


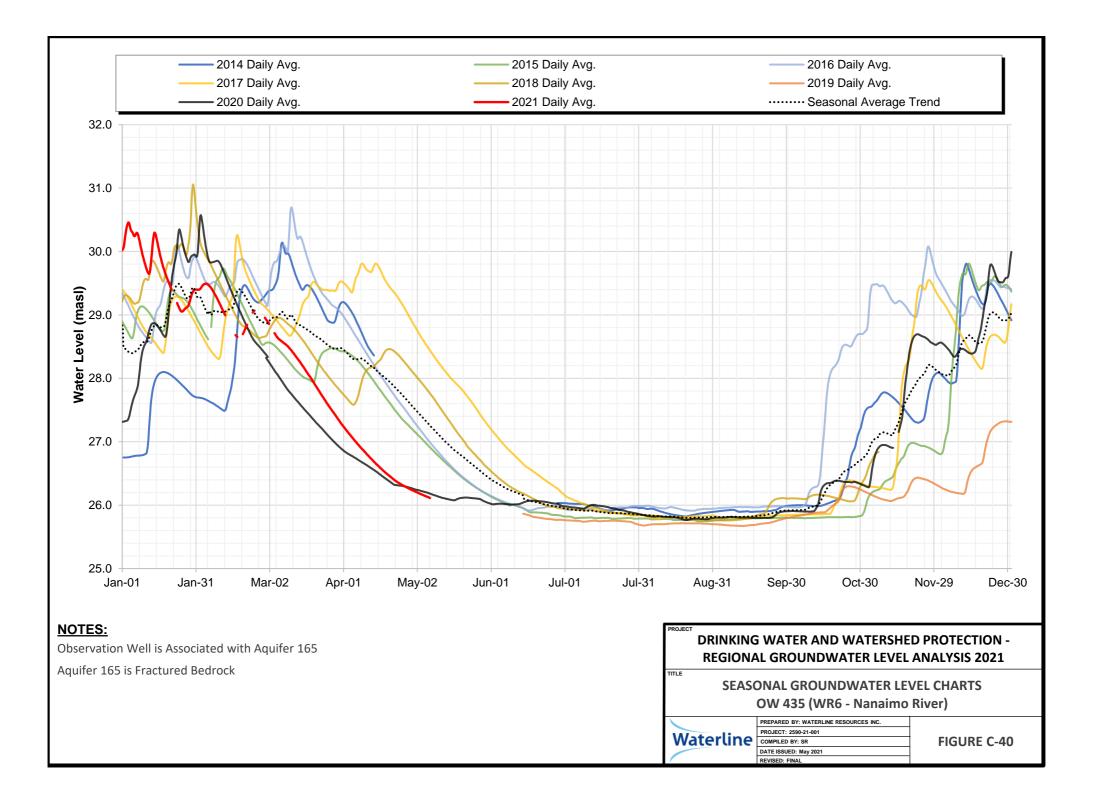


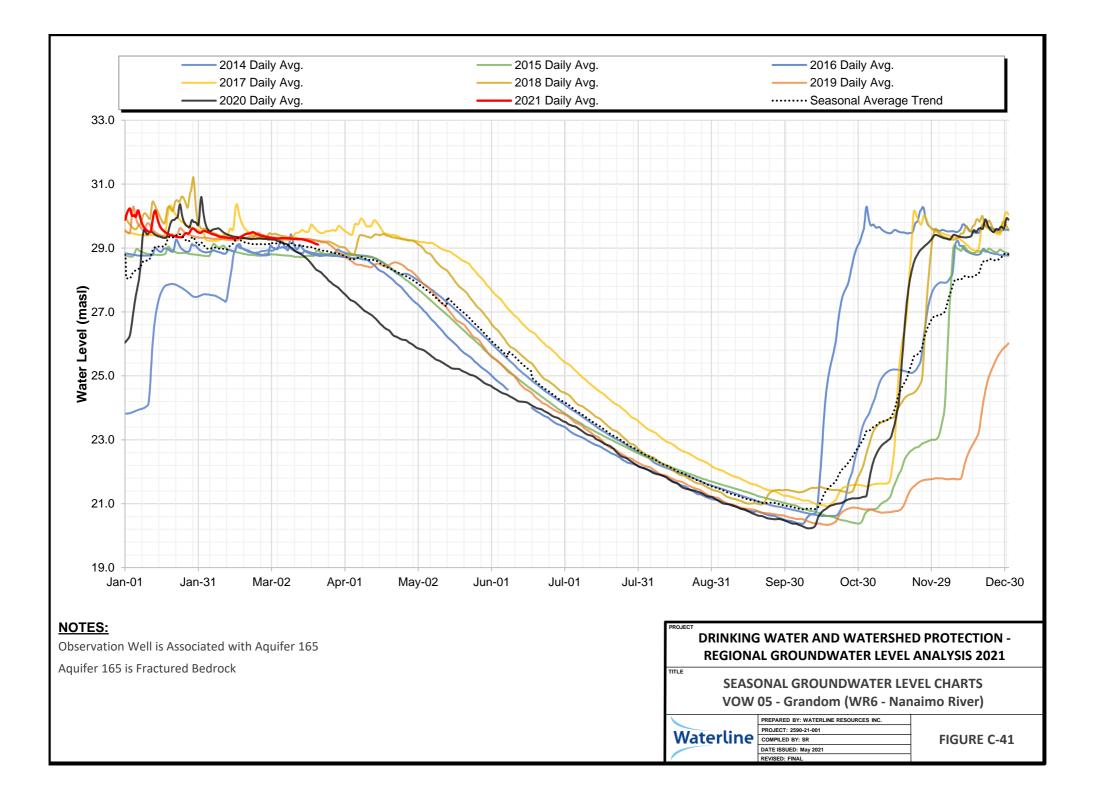


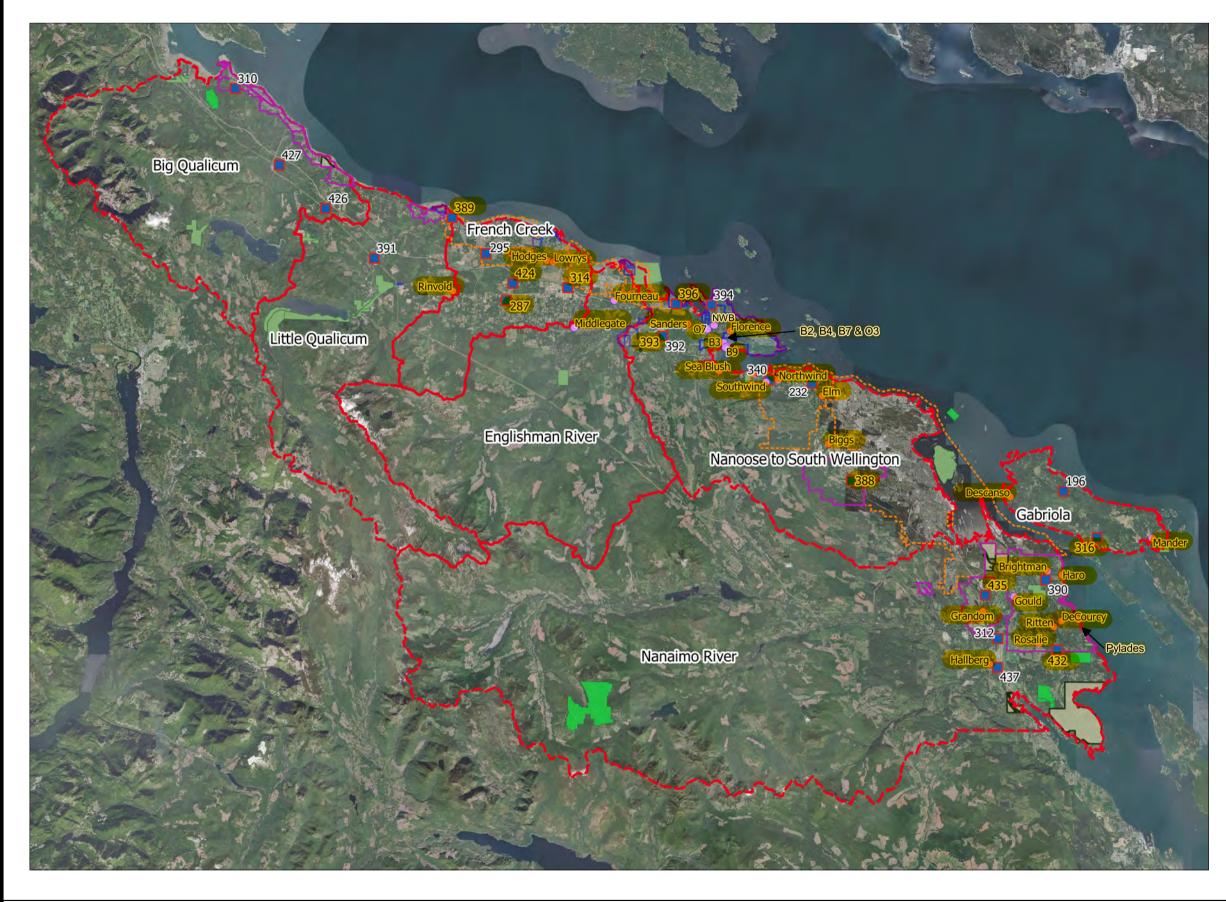


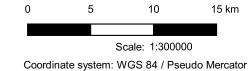


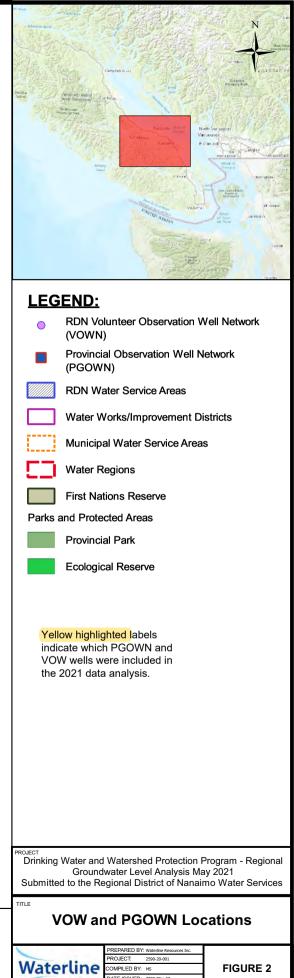


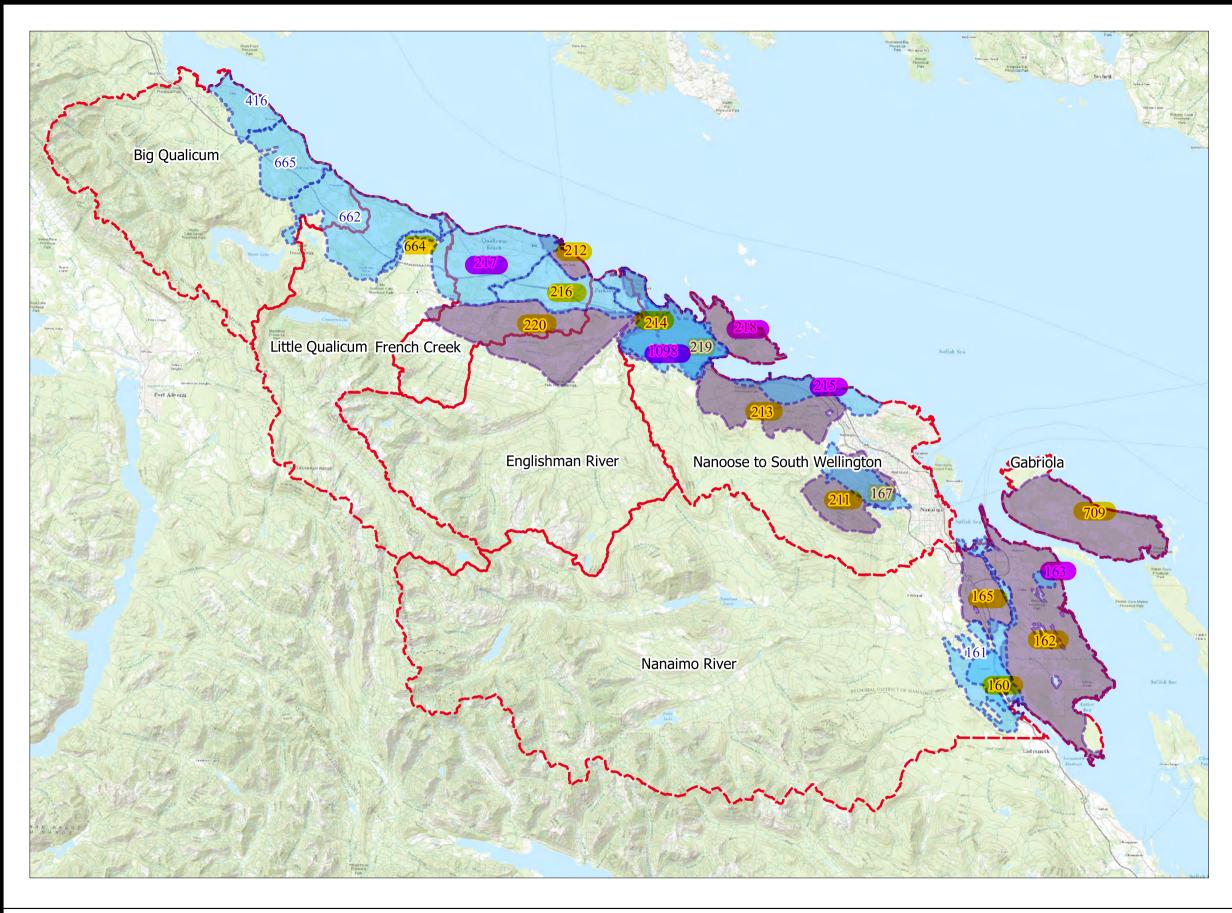








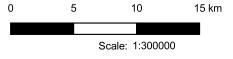






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\*Note: only mapped aquifers associated with known VOWN and PGOWN locations are displayed.

Yellow highlighted labels indicate which aquifers were included in the 2021 data analysis.

Pink highlighted labels indicate aquifers included in the 2021 analysis where PGOWN data was not available, and only RDN VOW data was used for the trend analysis.

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## **Regionally Mapped Surficial and Bedrock Aquifers**

