



MEDIA RELEASE

INTRODUCTION OF WATER LEVEL FOUR (4) RESTRICTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF BOURKE AND NORTH BOURKE

Bourke Shire Council advises all residents of Bourke and North Bourke that due to the ongoing depletion of the Bourke Weir Pool, Level Four (4) Water Restrictions will apply effective mid-day Tuesday 29th January 2019.

The height of the Darling River at Bourke Weir has dropped to drop below to 2.5 metres and this is the catalyst for the introduction of level four (4) water restrictions.

The use of fixed sprinklers continues to be prohibited.

Hand held hoses can now only be used for one (1) hour per day only at each property.

These restrictions apply to both filtered and raw water supplies.

The washing of paved areas and motor vehicles can only be undertaken using buckets (commercial operations with recycling facilities are exempt) and the filling or topping up of private swimming pools is prohibited in accordance with Council's adopted policy.

The cooperation of all residents is sought in complying with these restrictions.

Level five (5) water restrictions will come into consideration when the level in the weir pool drops to 2.00 metres. The period of time between the introduction of level three (3) and level four (4) was thirty two (32) days and it is anticipated that with the shrinking weir pool and ongoing hot weather a similar or shorter time period will elapse before level (5) restrictions need to be introduced which will of course result in a tightening of the water restrictions.

There are a number of variables to be considered when trying to predict timeframes of this nature with the possibility of a substantial rain event one of these variables.

Water restrictions as detailed in Council's adopted policy will also apply to watering of public parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals.

While water consumption for domestic (household) use is not subject to change residents are still requested to be mindful to take measures to reduce consumption like ensuring that the taps don't continue to run whilst cleaning your teeth.

Full details of restrictions are available on Councils Website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au and are also appended to this release.

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For further media information please contact the General Manager Ross Earl 0409362307 or Manager of Works Peter Brown 04882906620.

Bourke Shire Council Schedule of Water Restrictions to be applied at Various River Levels

Restriction Level	1	2	3	4	5	6
At River Gauge Level	3.9m	3.5m	3m	2.5m	2m	1.5m
Weir Pool	100%	84%	65%	48%	33%	22%
TYPE OF CONSUMER						
Domestic						
Household Use	No Restrictions					100L Person Day
Evaporative Air Conditioners	No Restrictions				No Bleed-off allowed	No Water allowed
Garden Watering	Sprinkler taps per household 2 hrs daily, During 2hr periods/day 6am to 8am or 6pm to 8pm	Sprinkler taps per household 1 hr daily During 1hr period/day 7am to 8am or 7pm to 8pm	Hand held hoses 2hr/d	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Buckets only	Reused water only
Swimming Pools Private	Filling of new swimming pools prohibited		Filling and topping up of pools prohibited			
Wash paved areas and roof	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only		Buckets only		Banned	
Washing Motor Vehicles	No restrictions	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	Manual - buckets only		Banned	

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Public						
Public Gardens	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	
Sports Grounds	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	
Davidson Oval & Swimming Pool	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Sprinklers 1/hr per day	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only
Commercial						
Nurseries	Sprinklers 2hrs/d	Sprinklers 1hr/d	Hand held hoses 4hrs/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	With Council license only	
Washing Motor Vehicles Taxis and Police	No restrictions	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	Manual - buckets only		Banned except as required by law	
Bowling greens	Sprinklers 2hrs/d	Sprinklers 1hr/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	
Fountains	No restrictions	Topping up prohibited	Banned			
Water Cartage from Town Supply	No restrictions		With Council license only			
Automatic flush toilets & urinals	No restrictions		Banned			
Wash paved areas and roof	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only		Buckets only		Banned except as required by health	

Below: Restrictions modified January 2014

Appendix 1 of Drought Management Plan

Water Restrictions for Public Parks and Sporting Grounds in Bourke

These hours / watering conditions apply during level 1 and 2 and 3 restrictions only.

From November 2018 until level 4 water restrictions are activated.

- Davidson oval - no change to watering
- Central Park - no change to watering
- Coolican oval - no change to watering

During restrictions the above park and sporting ovals will be able to water during all hours Monday to Friday to maintain current standards. (16hrs each weekly total)

- Tourist centre- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Cemetery- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Airport Gardens-gardens only
- Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct - watering of, Crossley Engine section and entrance area to wharf only as per restrictions.
- Jones Park- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- North Bourke Oval –no watering.
- Percy Hobson Park - watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Port of Bourke Park- watering of lawns as per restrictions.

During restrictions the above parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals will be able to water during the hours of 7.30am to 4.30pm (10 hrs each weekly total)

- Bourke Bowling Club greens and gardens -During restrictions the BBC will be able to water during the hours of 8.30am to 10.30am two (2hrs) Monday through Friday only. (10hrs weekly total)
- Golf Club-During restrictions the Golf Club will be able to water during the hours of 6.00pm to 8.00am Monday through Friday for shrubs and trees only
- Rotary Park-During restrictions the park will be able to water during the hours of 6.00am to 8.00pm Monday through Friday for a period of two (2) hrs a day only. (10 hrs weekly total)
- Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre- During water restrictions the BOB centre will be able to water during the hours of 8.00am until 1.00pm five (5hrs) on Tuesdays and Fridays only. (10hrs total weekly)
- Bourke High School-During water restrictions the school will be able to water during the hours of 6.30am until 11.30am five (5hrs) on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. (10hrs total weekly)
- Bourke Olympic Pool - During water restrictions the pool will only be able to water during the hours of 3.00am until 6.00am three (3 hrs) on Wednesdays and 8.00pm and 11.00pm, Fridays and Saturdays .(9hrs total weekly)

- Caravan Parks and Motels - During water restrictions the caravan parks and motels will only be able to water two (2) days a week at 5hrs per day. (10hrs total weekly).