



MEDIA RELEASE

FAILURE OF BOURKE TOWN WATER SUPPLY INTAKE VALVE

Bourke Shire Council advises that as a result of the failure of the foot valve on the Raw Water Supply at Bourke the raw water has been switched off.

The raw water supply also impacts on the supply of filtered water to Bourke and North Bourke as the same pumps supply both systems and all residents are asked to conserve water usage where possible.

The raw water supply to North Bourke is unaffected.

The Manager of Works Peter Brown has said that at the moment the filtered water supply has been switched to the supply from Walkden's Bore. As a result both filtered water reservoirs were able to be filled overnight, however, consumption during this period is at its lowest.

General Manager Ross Earl said that the bore supply whilst not being able to meet the full town demand should be able to meet the town's immediate requirements over the next day or so given that the filtered water tanks are already full.

However, he stressed that residents of Bourke and North Bourke should be mindful of the critical state of the water supply and conserve the consumption of water to ensure an ongoing supply.

Mr. Earl added that there is sufficient water in the raw water supply reservoirs for firefighting purposes should the need arise and that water had been isolated for that purpose.

Manager of Works Peter Brown said staff worked until dark last night and were back on the job at first light and resources have been coordinated to undertake the repairs as quickly as possible. It was hoped that normal supplies may be able to be restored by late this afternoon.

The North Bourke Raw water supply is on a separate supply and is unaffected, however, the filtered water to North Bourke relies on the town's raw water supply and the request to be preserve filtered water also applies to North Bourke.

General Manager Ross Earl said that Council will be monitoring the usage and also input from the bore during the course of the day to ascertain if any formal restrictions to the filtered water supply need to be imposed.

He said that staff and contactors were working as quickly as possible to restore the raw water supply which will also ensure the ongoing supply of filtered water.

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