



Press Release

Bourke Shire Council assures residents that bores will Supply Bourke Community's Filtered Water Requirements

Bourke Shire Council has moved to assure residents and visitors that once the new bore is fully operational Council will be able to meet the domestic and commercial filtered water needs of the Bourke Community if Council's ability to pump from the Darling River ceases.

Council is confident that the river supply will be accessible for at least until the end of the month.

Mayor of Bourke Shire Councillor Barry Hollman said that at the moment Walkden's Bore is able to meet approximately fifty percent (50%) of the community's needs. The new bore that is currently being completed will meet the balance of the requirements with the commissioning works required for the new bore expected to be completed in around two (2) weeks.

Council has historical data in relation to usage and based on that data and current usage Council is confident of being able to meet the demand of the Bourke community. This includes water that may be required to be carted to Byrock and residences along the river whose pumps no longer have access to an adequate level of water to allow pumping.

Whilst confident in being able to supply sufficient water Councillor Hollman said that residents should be mindful of their water usage and conserve consumption where possible.

General Manager of Bourke Shire Council, Ross Earl said that water restrictions imposed at all levels are for both filtered and raw water. Any usage on gardens of the filtered water would place additional demands on the filtered water supply.

Mr Earl added that compliance of all residents was important and that a few basic steps such as turning water off whilst cleaning your teeth, only doing full loads of washing and reducing shower times can all assist in reducing water consumption and provide an increased level of surety to supply.

The current restrictions proposed for level five (5) and level six (6) will be reviewed in light of the new water supply being made available by the bores but it is unlikely that any change will be made to the restrictions on water usage for outside use for residents.

Mr. Earl also ensured residents that water for fire-fighting purposes will be retained in the raw water reservoirs.

The cooperation of all residents is sought in complying with the restrictions and we should remember that we are all in this together and the unfortunate thing is that we don't know just how long these drought conditions will continue.

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