

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES & RESTRICTIONS

FOR NON RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL USAGE

Every drop counts

OCTOBER 2021

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In 2019, Councillors voted unanimously to introduce new water conservation measures, which came into effect in December 2019.

These are permanent water conservation measures which apply to all businesses, community facilities, schools and residences connected to the Copeton Dam water supply scheme, plus Ashford and Yetman water supplies.

Since establishing a water supply from Copeton Dam in 1982, there has never been a need to impose water restrictions at Inverell, Gilgai, Tingha, Mount Russell and Delungra.

While Inverell Shire has been fortunate to have reliable treated town water supplies, as a community, we should not become complacent.

At the November 2019 Council meeting the Drought Management Plan was adopted.

The Plan is Council's blueprint for how it will conserve treated town water supplies, what types of water restrictions will apply and when they will take effect as well as emergency responses.

What this means for Businesses

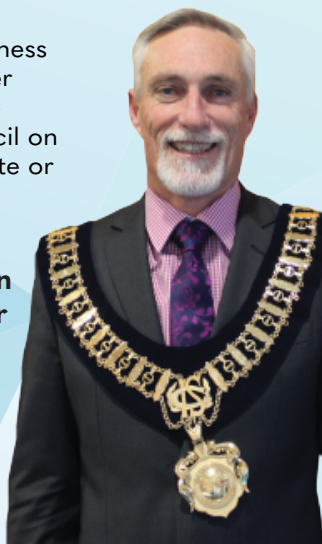
From December 2019, permanent water conservation measures will apply during Daylight Saving Time. A summary of these permanent measures are provided above right. If conditions worsen, more stringent water restrictions will apply.

For this purpose, Council has set out five levels of water restrictions, ranging from Level 1 (Low) where sprinklers are limited to two hours per day, to Level 5 (Emergency), where all outdoor use is banned. The table overleaf provides an overview of water restriction levels.

Council and WaterNSW will carefully monitor the water supplies going forward, including Yetman and Ashford and ensure our community is updated.

I encourage residents and business owners to keep abreast of water restriction levels and waterwise information by following Council on social media, visiting our website or through local news outlets.

Paul Harmon
Mayor



CURRENT RESTRICTIONS*



* If required, further restrictions will apply - see over page.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Council 8.30am-4.30pm
Monday-Friday

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UPDATES

Stay up to date on current Water Conservation Measures via Council's website and social media - see details below.



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CURRENT LEVELS AS AT OCTOBER 2021

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

	PERMANENT MEASURES DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING	LEVEL 1 LOW Water restrictions	LEVEL 2 MODERATE Water restrictions	LEVEL 3 HIGH Water restrictions	LEVEL 4 VERY HIGH Water restrictions	LEVEL 5 EMERGENCY Water restrictions
Watering of new turf	* terms apply - see below	* terms apply - see below	** terms apply - see below	✗	✗	✗
Watering of Public Parks, Gardens and Facilities	← Watering permitted for Categories 1-5. See App B - Drought Management Plan →		Cat 1 & 2 permitted. Cat 3 garden beds only	Cat 1 & 2 only	✗	✗
Washing cars with bucket	✓	✓	✓	6pm-8am DST 4pm-9am AEDT	Car window cleaning only	Car window cleaning only
Washing cars with hand held hose	✓	6pm-8am DST 4pm-9am AEDT	6pm-8pm DST 5pm-7pm AEDT	✗	✗	✗
Motel & Guest House swimming pools filling and topping up	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Hydrotherapy pool & Day Spa (health & day spa facility)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evaporative coolers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water cartage - treated water for stock & domestic consumption	← Stock water banned if usage too high →			← Internal domestic use only with Council permit Access during daylight hours only →		
Water cartage - treated water for all other uses	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Commercial & Industrial Use excluding lawns and gardens	✓	✓	✓	Target 15% reduction in use	Target 20% reduction in use	Target 25% reduction in use
Commercial & Industrial Use landscaping including lawns & gardens	6pm-8am DST or with Approved Plan #	6pm-8am DST 4pm-9am AEDT or with Approved Plan #	Hand held hoses only 6pm-8pm DST 5pm-7pm AEDT or with Approved Plan #	← All approved Special Watering Plans inactive →		
Commercial & Industrial Use Irrigation of Sports Areas includes schools and sports clubs	6pm-8am DST or with Approved Plan #	6pm-8pm DST or with Approved Plan #	6pm-8pm DST or with Approved Plan #	Review Approved Plan & allow if 50% reduction can be demonstrated	✗	✗

DST = Daylight Saving Time AEDT = Australian Eastern Daylight Time

* Permitted 6pm-8am DST or 4pm-9am AEST or with an approved 6-week New Turf Watering Plan, available from Council.

** Sprinklers permitted for 6pm-8pm DST or 5pm-7pm AEDT with approved 6-week New Turf Watering Plan.

Approved Plan refers to Approved Special Hours Watering Plan, available from Council and if approved, plan allows for watering for 2 hours.



For a full copy of the Drought Management Plan, visit

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