

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **Coonamble Water Restriction Update – Hand Watering**

Coonamble Shire Council advises all residents and businesses hand watering of gardens will now be allowed between the hours of 7.00pm and 7.00am ONLY.

Hand Watering Includes:

- Handheld hose with trigger nozzle
- Bucket or watering can

The following activities are still STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- Washing vehicles, caravans, boats, or trailers
- Filling or topping up swimming pools, spas, or water features
- Hosing driveways, paths, buildings, or hard surfaces
- Sprinklers and irrigation systems

All other restrictions will need to be adhered to, including the boil water alert.

These restrictions are critical to allow the water reservoir time to recover and to prevent further decline in supply.

Council will be actively monitoring water usage. Non-compliance may result in penalties under Council regulations.

Failure to reduce water use now may place the town's water supply at risk.

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#### **BOIL WATER ALERT – IMPORTANT**

All water used for drinking or food preparation must be brought to a rolling boil and allowed to cool before use. Residents must use boiled or bottled water for:

- o Drinking
- o Brushing teeth
- o Washing and preparing food or beverages
- o Preparing baby formula
- o Making ice
- o Pet drinking water

Tap water may still be used for:

- o Showering and bathing (avoid swallowing water; sponge-bathe babies and toddlers)
- o Washing dishes in hot, soapy water or dishwasher (air-dry after washing)
- o Washing clothes

Council will continue handing out Free Bottled Drinking Water until Friday, 6 February

#### Free Bottled Drinking Water

From Monday, 2 February, residents can collect free bottled drinking water packs.

- o Location: Car park behind the old Sons of the Soil Hotel
- o Times: 8:00am to 12:00pm
- o Available: Daily until Friday, 6 February

Daily updates will be provided as the situation changes, on Councils Website and Facebook.

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