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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Community Water Access Points & Water Restrictions

Coonamble Shire Council advises residents and businesses of Coonamble that the Free Bottled Drinker Water Collection Point and

#### **Free Bottles Drinking Water**

- Location: Car park behind the old Sons of the Soil Hotel
- Times: 8:00am to 12:00pm
- Available: Daily until Friday, 13 February
  - Will be available for pick up Saturday, 7 February and no pick-up Sunday, 8 February, resuming Monday, 9 February

#### **Garden Water – Showgrounds Tank Supply**

- Location: Showgrounds - entry nearest the hospital
- Time: 7:00am - 12:00pm & 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Council staff on site to assist filling containers
- Maximum: 1,000 litres per household per visit each day
- Available: Daily, Including Saturday, 7 February and Sunday, 8 February

This water does not come from the town drinking water system and helps reduce demand on the reservoir.

Updates will be available via Councils Website and Facebook as the situation changes

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Residents are currently able to hand water gardens 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

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

All other restrictions will need to be adhered to, including the Boil Water Alert.

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All water used for drinking or food preparation must be brought to a rolling boil to make it safe. Kettles with automatic shut-off switches can be used.

After boiling, allow water to cool, store it in a clean container with a lid, and refrigerate.

Use bottled water or cooled boiled water for:

- Drinking
- Washing uncooked food (fruit and salad vegetables)
- Making ice
- Cleaning teeth and gargling
- Pet drinking water

Additional advice:

- Wash dishes in hot soapy water or use a dishwasher
- Children should take bottled or cooled boiled water to school
- Tap water is safe for bathing, however, avoid swallowing water. Parents and carers may consider sponge baths for children

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