

MEDIA RELEASE

A Message from the Mayor

The Mayor and Councillors of Coonamble Shire Council would like to sincerely thank Council's indoor and outdoor staff, along with local contractors, for their tireless efforts over the past two weeks during the recent water issues.

With increased pressure in the water lines resulting in a number of leaks across town, Council crews and local contractors worked long hours late into the night to repair burst water mains and restore water supply to the community. Their dedication and hard work during challenging conditions has not gone unnoticed.

Council also acknowledges the employees who staffed the bottled water collection point behind the Sons of the Soil building, as well as the garden water collection point at the Showgrounds. These teams ensured both sites operated smoothly and were well utilised by the community when they were needed most.



During all of this Councillor Steven Butler has been instrumental in supplying bottled water to many residents, businesses and care facilities in Coonamble. This would not have been able to happen without his hard work and dedication.



Council greatly appreciates the commitment, teamwork and hard work shown by everyone involved in keeping the taps flowing in Coonamble during this difficult period.

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.

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

The Bottled Water pick up from behind the Sons of the Soil and Garden Water Collection from the showgrounds will continue running next week.

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
- Operating for two weeks daily, subject to weather

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

Once again, we thank the community for their cooperation during this time.

Dan Keady
MAYOR