

MEDIA RELEASE

Water Update – Wednesday 18th February 2026

Water samples have been collected on Tuesday 17th February, from the Coonamble reticulation system and sent to Sydney for laboratory testing to ensure compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Results are expected by Thursday, 19th February. If the samples meet the required Drinking Water Standards, Council is hopeful the current Boil Water Alert can be lifted and the bottled water handout and pick-up service can cease.

Should Tuesday samples return a non-compliant result, further samples will be taken on Thursday and forwarded to Sydney for testing, with results anticipated the following week.

Water Restrictions Remain in Place

Water restrictions currently remain unchanged, with watering by hand still being enforced.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon to discuss the possibility of easing restrictions on a trial basis. If approved, irrigation systems and sprinklers may be permitted to operate between 7:00pm and 7:00am over the weekend.

Council remains mindful that the current reliance on water drawn from the Showground spears is placing pressure on a limited groundwater supply. Over-extraction poses a risk of supply failure, which would significantly impact water availability at the Showground for upcoming events.

Council thanks the community for its continued patience and cooperation during this period and will provide further updates as soon as testing results are available.

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