

## 26 October Board Meeting

Board members present: Chairperson Cr Tim Koschel, Deputy Chairperson Cr Doug Meyer OAM, Cr Tony Quinn, Cr Gail Driscoll, Cr Georgie Davies, Cr Dan Hayes, Cr Michael Henderson, Cr Jenny McKinnon, Cr Pat Bourke

Apologies: Nil

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## Annual report

Riverina Water's Annual Report for 2021/22 is now available [online](#).

Some highlights from the year include:

- › 12,367 megalitres of drinking water supplied
- › More than \$540,000 in grants, donations and sponsorship
- › Named the best water utility in the state with our Sam Samra Award win
- › Adopting our new strategic business plan to see us go from strength-to-strength
- › Outstanding customer survey results for service and water quality
- › Official opening of the new \$44M Wagga Water Treatment Plant



### Cr Meyer OAM recognised for 10 years of service on the Board

At the October Board meeting, Councillor Doug Meyer OAM was congratulated for being on the Riverina Water Board for a decade.

Cr Meyer is the current Deputy Chairperson and has overseen many important projects and initiatives during his ten-year tenure on the Board.

## **CM1 | Vale Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022**

Riverina Water observed a minute's silence at the meeting in respect of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and extended deepest sympathies to His Majesty King Charles III, the Royal family, and those across the world mourning the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

## **R2 | Financial Statements 2021/22**

The Audit Report for the 2021/22 Financial Statements has been received and were presented to the Board, together with the 2021/22 Financial Statements.

Representatives from Riverina Water's auditors and the NSW Audit Office made presentations regarding the documents.

The net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes was \$2.31M. Read the [financial statements online](#).

## **R15 | LGNSW Rural & Regional Summit**

Riverina Water will be represented at the Local Government NSW 2023 Rural and Regional Summit.

The summit is a one-day event that will discuss some of the key issues affecting rural and regional communities in the lead up to the NSW election, such as telecommunications, technology and renewable energy.

## **R16 | Proposed Change of Date for Board Meeting in June 2023**

The Board meeting to be held on Thursday 29 June 2023 will now be held a week earlier on Thursday 22 June.

## **R17 | Proposed Membership of Committee4Wagga**

Riverina Water will become a Business Member of the Committee4Wagga from July 2023 for a period of 12 months, with further membership then to be reviewed.

Committee 4 Wagga is a not-for-profit, member funded network open to private, public and not-for-profit organisations, businesses and individuals in the Wagga Wagga region. Their purpose is to:

- › Support and promote the city to ensure accelerated populations growth
- › Identify and implement opportunities that will enhance cultural, social, business and economic prosperity

- › Provide a platform for community, business and government collaboration to effect positive change.

## **R19 | Digital metering trial**

Riverina Water will begin the first phase of a digital water meter trial in the new year at an investment of \$150,000.

The first phase will trial between 100 and 200 meters in a range of locations and situations to assist with preparing an implementation strategy, business case and the roadmap for further trials.

The trial will aim to test meter hardware, the frequency of reads and data synchronisation, alarms and alerts, reporting and system integrations.

Funding for the first phase of the trial has been brought forward from a \$500,000 budget for 2023-24. A second phase of the trial would include more than a thousand more meters, addressing hard to read meters, remote areas, larger customers and other key areas.

## **Policies and Procedures**

In keeping with the legislative requirement for the new board to review public policies within its first 12 months, management has been reviewing all policies.

It was determined that the following policies be rescinded:

- Business Continuity Policy: this is now included in the Business Continuity Manual as an internal policy
- Good Governance Policy: replaced with Governance Framework and Compliance Policy

The following policies were adopted:

- Water Restriction Policy: following public exhibition with no submissions received
- Compliance Policy: as replacement for the Good Governance Policy
- Privacy Policy and supporting Privacy Management Plan: reviewed with minor changes
- Governance Framework: as replacement for the Good Governance Policy
- Work Health & Safety Policy: reviewed with some changes

The following policies will be placed on public exhibition

- Code of Conduct Policy and Administration of Code of Conduct Procedures: minor updates have been made and exhibition is required

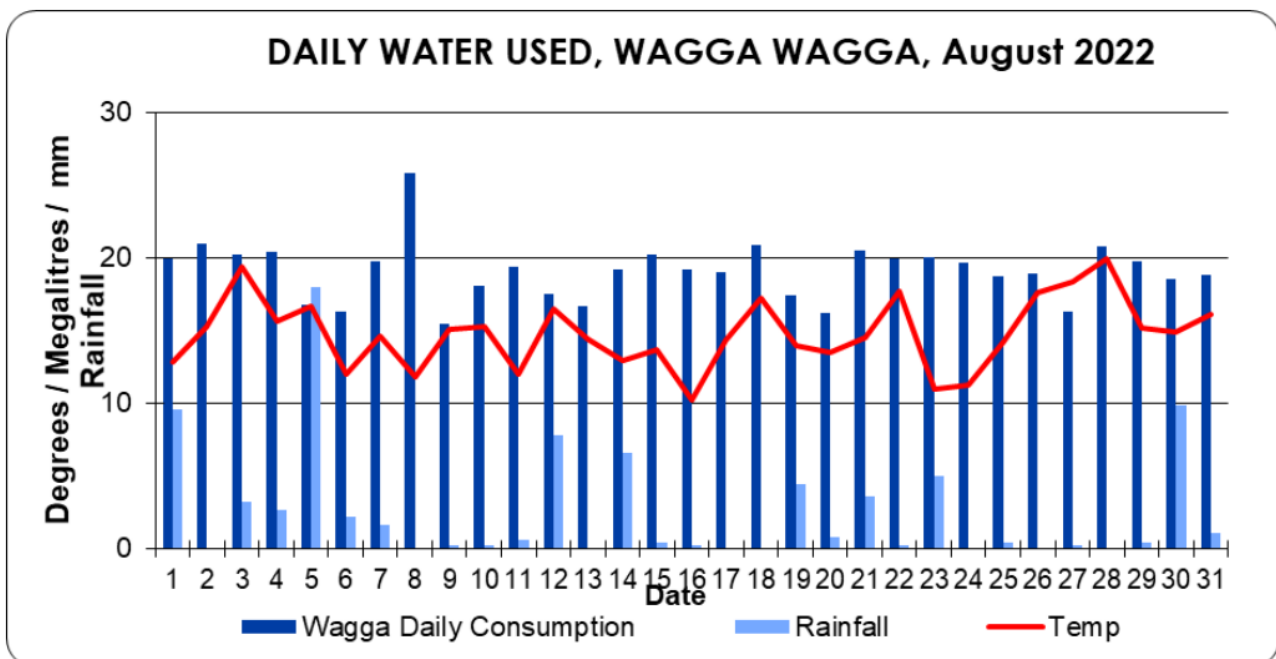
- Equal Opportunity Policy: This policy reflects Riverina Water's commitment to ensuring the principles of equal employment opportunity, fair treatment and non-discrimination in the work environment

Re: R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11

## R22 | Works Report covering September 2022

Month	Connections (residential)	Connections (non-residential)	Quality complaints	Supply complaints	Water sourced (ML)	Water used (ML)
September	28	4	7	6	751.06	734.82

### September 2022



### MONTHLY WAGGA WATER USED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS



### MONTHLY RURAL WATER USED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS

