

24 October 2023 Board Meeting

Board members present: Chairperson Cr Tim Koschel, Deputy Chairperson Cr Doug Meyer OAM, Cr Georgie Davies, Cr Tony Quinn, Cr Michael Henderson, Cr Jenny McKinnon, Cr Tony Quinn, Cr Pat Bourke, Cr Dallas Tout

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New Board Member

Riverina Water welcomed new Board Member Cr Dallas Tout from Wagga Wagga City Council, replacing outgoing Councillor Dan Hayes.

Annual Report now available

Riverina Water has published its Annual Report for 2022/23.

To read the report, visit <https://rwcc.nsw.gov.au/annualreport>

Some highlights from the year include:

- › 12,586 megalitres of drinking water supplied.
- › Continued infrastructure improvement with over 8.9km of mains replacements
- › Under a new policy Riverina Water waived \$33,970 to 45 customers across the region for undetected water leak rebates
- › Outstanding customer survey results for service and water quality
- › Endorsement of Riverina Water's new Community Engagement Strategy

Late Report | Inquiry into protecting local water utilities from privatisation

Riverina Water will make a submission to the inquiry into protecting local water utilities (LWUs) from privatisation.

The inquiry follows NSW Parliament passing the Constitution Amendment (Sydney Water and Hunter Water) Bill 2023 on 1 June 2023, to ensure continued public ownership of Sydney Water Corporation and the Hunter Water Corporation.

Riverina Water CEO Andrew Crakanthorp has been collaborating with the NSW Shadow Minister for Water, the Hon Steph Cooke, MP, fellow water county council general managers and policy advisors from Local Government NSW to develop key messages for the submission.

The essence of the Riverina Water submission will be that all reasons that the government provided in justifying the protection of Sydney Water and Hunter can equally be applied to the 89 local water utilities who provide drinking water to the 1.85m people across the remainder of the state.

R3 | Financial Statements 2022-2023

The Audit Report and the 2022/23 Financial Statements has been received and were presented to the Board.

The operating result from continuing operations was down on previous years following continued wet periods impacting water sales. The complete financial statements are available in the Annual Report.

R6 | Request for sponsorship: Wagga Wagga Takes 2

Riverina Water will once again sponsor Wagga Takes 2 in 2024.

The annual event pairs local celebrities with professional singers for duet performances raising money for local charities.

The 2023 event raised \$432,580.25 with the overall funds raised since the show's inception in 2007 reaching \$3,929,732.74.

The Board endorsed supporting Wagga Wagga Takes Two with a \$6000 donation for next year's event.

R7 | Invitation to re-join REROC

The Board has declined an invitation to re-join REROC (Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils).

Following a workshop regarding the costs and benefits of the Joint Council initiative, the Board resolved not to take up the invitation at this time and will review the decision in 12 months' time.

R8 | Update on PFAS

Riverina Water has issued a public update regarding PFAS to keep the community and other stakeholders informed on this important issue.

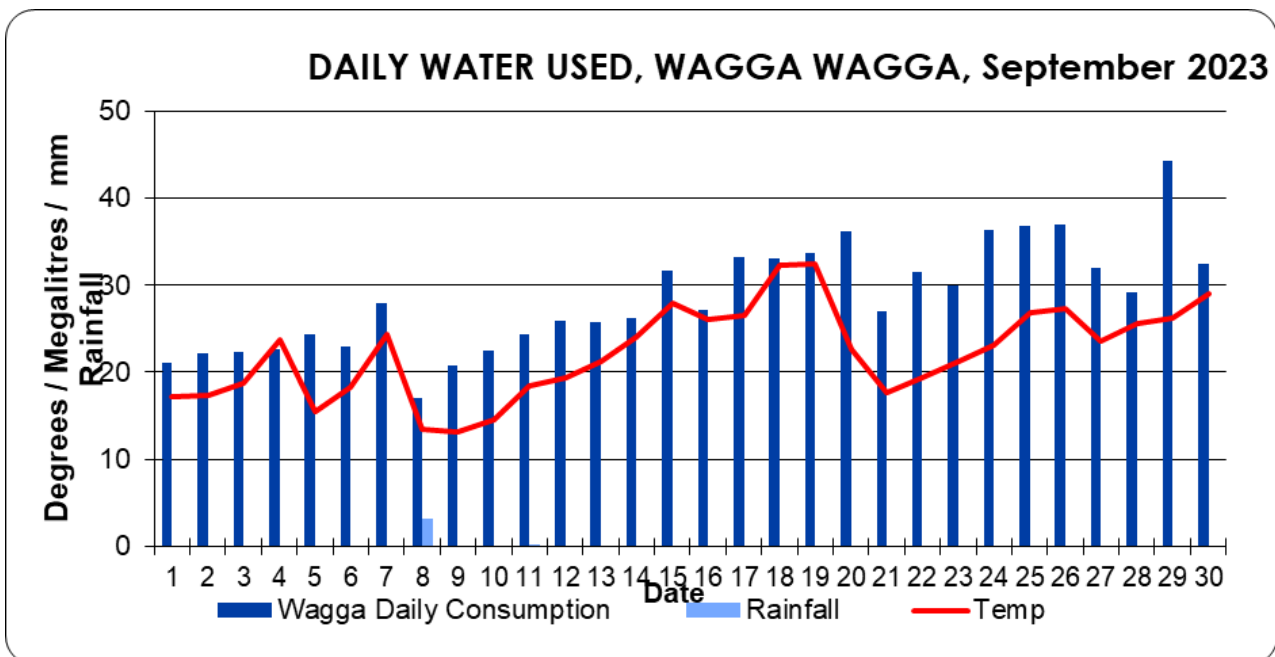
The details of the update can be found at <https://rwcc.nsw.gov.au/pfas> and were distributed to constituent councils last week.

Riverina Water is part of a working group meeting regularly with various NSW Government agencies, Defence and Wagga Wagga City Council to monitor the issue as it develops.

R10 | Works Report covering August and September 2023

Month	New Connections (residential)	New Connections (non-residential)	Quality complaints	Supply complaints	Water sourced (ML)	Water used (ML)
September	21	2	41	8	1,047.67	1029.66

September 2023



MONTHLY WAGGA WATER USED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS



MONTHLY RURAL WATER USED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS

