

18 April 2024 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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Policies and documents

At the 18 April meeting, the following policies and plans were placed on [public exhibition](#) until 19 May 2024:

- › Reconciliation Action Plan: Riverina Water's first Reconciliation Action Plan (Reflect level) will look at Riverina Water's current and historic practices and research changes that could be made to create a greater level of cultural awareness and identify the real changes that can be implemented to improve the lives of First Nations peoples.
- › Donations and Sponsorships Policy: The new policy will allow Riverina Water to better manage the types of requests for funding it receives, with benefits including: ensuring donations do not conflict with grants funding; allowing Riverina Water to better capitalise on sponsorship opportunities; creating two different funding limits for donations and sponsorships reflective of the typical types of requests received; improving governance and assessment processes in general.

For more information, please see reports R4 and R5 in the Business Paper

R6 2022/23-2025/26 Delivery Program and draft 2024-25 Operational Plan

An average residential bill would increase by just \$15 a year in 2024-25 in Riverina Water's draft budget.

The draft Operational Plan 2024/25 is currently on [public exhibition](#) and includes the small increase to fees and charges, along with a proposed capital works program over the next four years which

has been proposed at \$66.7m. Of this total amount, \$21m is directed to the Solar Pilot Plant project, a key part of Riverina Water's plans to reach net-zero emissions by 2030.

In 2024-25, Riverina Water will roll out \$15.6M in capital works, including investing more than \$5.4M in water mains, services and meters and almost \$4.7M in treatment plants, pumping stations and reservoirs. Works are set to begin on Riverina Water's solar plant, with the plant set to reduce net emissions and save millions in electricity costs in the future.

The draft Operational Plan 2024-25 is on public exhibition until 22 May. To view the draft document and make a submission, visit rwcc.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

R9 Murray Darling Association 2024 Annual Conference

Riverina Water will be represented at the Murray Darling Association 2024 National Conference and AGM. Councillor Driscoll will attend the conference as a voting delegate, along with a member of staff to also attend as a Riverina Water representative. The conference will be held in Tamworth on the 10th and 11th July 2024.

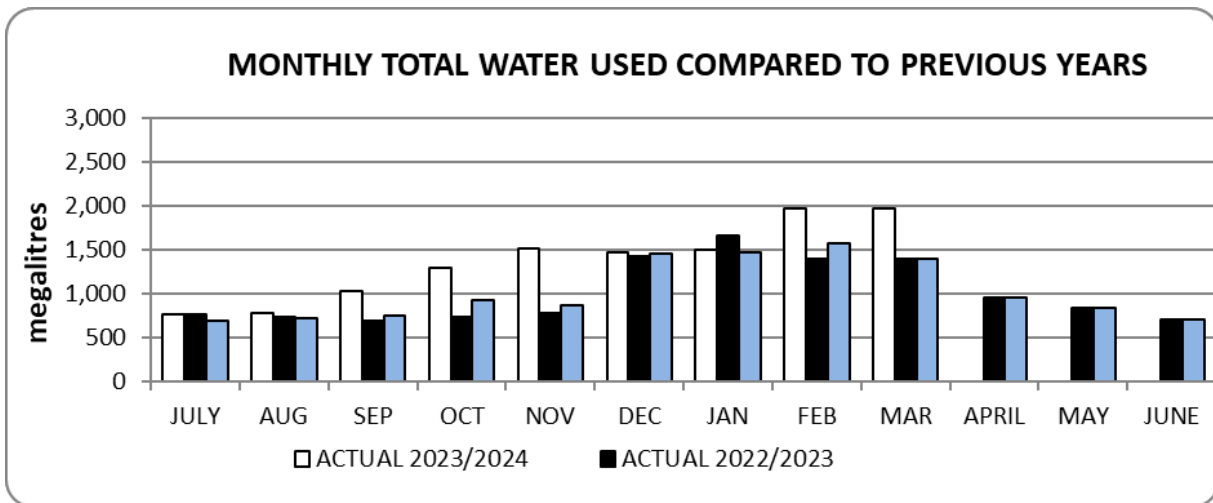
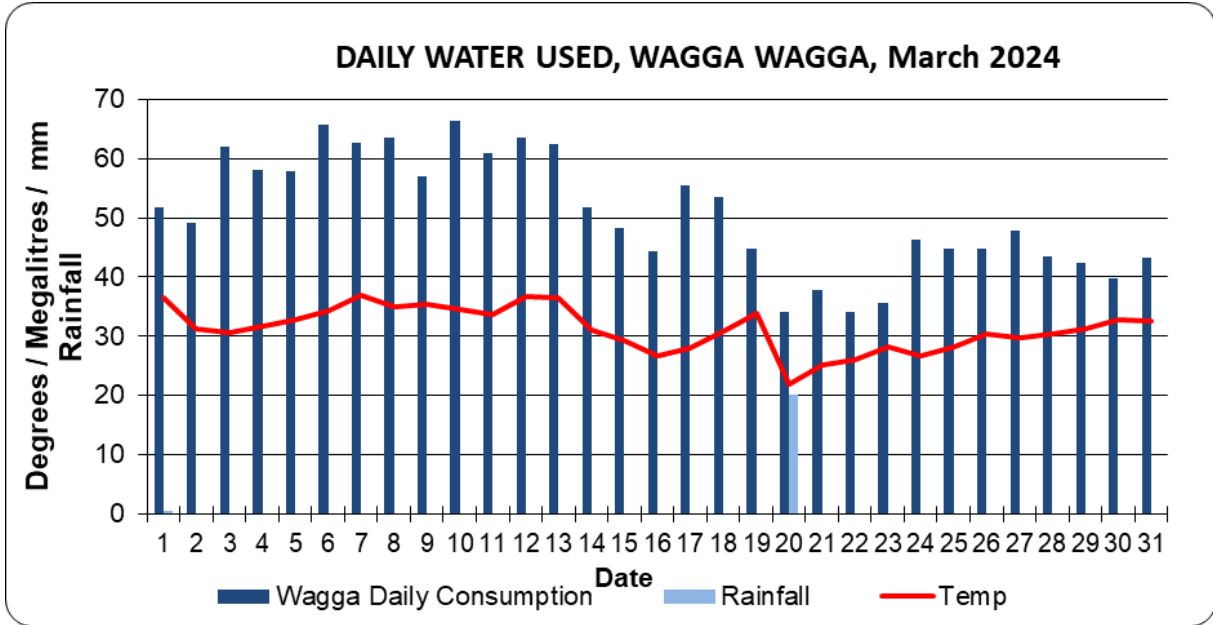
R9 LGNSW Rural and Regional Summit

Board Members Councillors Quinn and Bourke will attend the Summit in their capacities as local government representatives, and they will bring a report back to a future meeting of the Board on any matters discussed relevant to Riverina Water.

R15 | Works Report covering March 2024

Month	New Connections (residential)	New Connections (non-residential)	Quality complaints	Supply complaints	Water sourced (ML)	Water used (ML)
March	18	0	3	22	1,982.04	1,965.07

March 2024



MONTHLY RURAL WATER USED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS

