

21 February 2024

Level 1 Water Restrictions continue

Level 1 water restrictions will continue to be in place and enforced throughout Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Merrygoen and Mendooran.

“As of 20 February 2024, Timor Dam was at 65.23% capacity, which is slowly increasing with some minor rain events over the past few weeks and the Castlereagh River remains steady,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “However, with ongoing dry conditions forecast and high-water usage residents are reminded that Level 1 water restrictions are still in place for Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Merrygoen and Mendooran.”

“Even with continuous minor rain events across the Shire it is important to recognise the ongoing need to reduce water consumption as the Bureau of Meteorology is still forecasting less than average rainfall across western New South Wales for the coming months,” Cr Doolan explained.

Under level 1 water restrictions, for households there is a target water consumption of 260 litres per person per day. Gardens may be watered using watering systems, non-fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, between 6:00pm till 9:00am daily. Washing down walls and paved surfaces is not permitted.

“Council appreciates residents’ ongoing efforts to comply with these water restrictions and the Warrumbungle Water team will continue to monitor water supply levels closely,” Cr Doolan concluded.

Residents are encouraged to limit their water usage and preserve water wherever possible. For a range of water saving tips, please refer to the [Warrumbungle Water page](#) on Council’s website.

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Level 1 Water Restrictions

The following updated restrictions on the use of town water in Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Baradine, Merrygoen and Mendooran are now in place. These restrictions will be in place until further notice. This notice is given in accordance with *Regulation 137 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Your cooperation in complying with these restrictions is appreciated. Failure to comply may result in restrictions or disconnection of services.

Effective Date: 8 October 2023

Type of Consumer & Activity	Restriction
Domestic – target water consumption of 260 litres per person, per day	
Watering of lawns and residential gardens	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, permitted between 6:00pm till 9:00am daily.
Filling or topping up of garden water features	Permitted
First fill or topping up of private swimming pools or spas	Permitted
Inflatable or temporary children's pools	Permitted
New turf irrigation	Permitted for one week after laying after which Level 1 restrictions on watering lawns applies.
Washing down walls or paved surfaces	Not permitted
Washing cars at home	Permitted with bucket and rinse with trigger hose only, on lawn at any time.
Baths and showers	Permitted
Washing of clothes	Permitted
Evaporative air conditioners	Permitted

Commercial and Non-Residential	
Watering of lawns and gardens	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, permitted between 6:00pm till 9:00am daily.
Irrigation of new turf at non-residential premises	Permitted for one week after laying after which Level 1 restrictions on watering lawns applies.
Cleaning - exterior	Permitted with trigger hoses any time
<p>All other businesses and facilities are including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First fill or topping up of public swimming pools or spas, including motels • Turf farm irrigation and market gardens • Construction industry e.g. mortar or concrete mix • Public car and truck wash facilities • Construction – wash down, paint preparation and curing • Commercial or Government nurseries • Abattoirs, food or pet food production and canneries • Pet Care • Public water features • Child Care • Public parks, gardens, aviaries, plant houses and zoos • School, technical colleges and universities • Hospitals, hospices, nursing home, rehabilitation centres and aged care accommodation • Motels, caravan parks and cabins • Hotels and registered clubs • Businesses with cooling towers 	Permitted

For more information see Warrumbungle Shire Council's Drought Management Plan, available on Council's website at www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au.