

## **Central Tablelands Water**

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## **CTW Strategic Planning Workshop well received**

Central Tablelands Water (CTW) held a strategic planning workshop last Thursday, 13 May 2021 at the Darrell Sligar Centre, Blayney with its constituent councils' mayors, general managers and directors. Also in attendance were senior executives from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) – Water, Chief Operating Officer, Graham Attenborough, and Director Town Water Risk Reduction Program, Erin Cini.

The purpose of the workshop was to review previous strategies for ongoing relevancy, and consider new strategies moving forward as a strong, independent and sustainable regional water utility.

Gavin Rhodes, General Manager of CTW said, "The strategic workshop was a great opportunity to review our existing strategies and to develop new strategies with valuable input from our constituent councils of Blayney, Weddin and Cabonne. We also welcomed and were delighted to have DPIE Water senior executives, Graham Attenborough and Erin Cini share their knowledge and experience with us. This was complemented by the professional water industry facilitators Dr Annette Davison of Risk Edge and Dr Annalisa Contos of Atom Consulting. It is fantastic for CTW to have access to such water industry experts in our own backyard."

The strategic workshop was a follow up to a similar strategic workshop held in 2018.

CTW's chairman, Cr David Somervaille said, "CTW's strategic workshop provided an excellent platform to discuss challenges, raise issues and identify solutions that will enable continued sustainability and growth for CTW. The big challenges for CTW include the geographical spread between water connections and limited revenue base, which is also seasonally volatile. It was very pleasing to see all three constituent councils represented at the workshop and the commitment shown by the key DPIE Water senior executives to work in collaboration with CTW in setting our strategic direction."

CTW is a water supply authority constituted under NSW Local Government legislation. First proclaimed in 1944 the county embraces the Shires of Blayney, Cabonne and Weddin providing drinking water to these communities. CTW currently has approximately 6,000 water connections and provides potable water to 15,000 consumers in 14 towns and villages.

CTW Strategic Workshop Photos 13/5/21



Photo: Dr Annette Davison (Risk Edge) workshop facilitator.



Photo: Cr Scott Ferguson (Blayney Shire Council Mayor) and Cr David Somervaille (CTW Chairman and Blayney Councillor).



Photo:L to R: Brad Byrnes (Cabonne Council General Manager), Graham Attenborough (DPIE Water - Chief Operating Officer), Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council Acting General Manager) and Erin Cini (DPIE Water – Director Town Water Risk Reduction Program)



Photo: Noel Wellham (CTW Director Operations & Technical Services) and Dr Annette Davison (Risk Edge – workshop facilitator).



Photo: Cr Kevin Walker (CTW Deputy Chairman and Cabonne Councillor) and Gavin Rhodes (CTW General Manager).