

Newsletter

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LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION STUDY GIVEN

APPROVAL TO PROCEED

The NSW Government committed \$1 million of funding in December 2019 for the completion of a feasibility study for the Lake Rowlands dam augmentation as part of its emergency response to the drought in regional NSW.

The grant funding was provided to Central Tablelands Water (CTW) on the basis that the study be carried out in two (2) parts with the initial stage being the completion of a strategic business case investigating dam wall raising options as well as options of constructing a new dam downstream of the existing dam.

The second stage of the study includes a detailed concept design of a preferred augmentation option, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF), and the completion of a final business case.

Official approval was provided by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) – Water on 26 March 2021 for CTW to proceed with the second stage of the feasibility study of raising the wall at Lake Rowlands by 2.2 metres.

Gavin Rhodes, General Manager of CTW said, "Approval to proceed with this vital urban water security project is fantastic news. Although the study had been delayed significantly due to additional water modelling work by DPIE Water for the Lake Rowlands Augmentation and Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Pipeline projects, it is very pleasing that we can now continue and finalise our study."

"Raising the height of the existing dam wall by 2.2 metres will increase the capacity of Lake Rowlands from 4.5 gigalitres to 8 gigalitres. This will help shore up the water security needs of our existing consumers now and well into the future. In 2016 approximately 53 gigalitres flowed over the dam wall and following the drought breaking rains in 2020, 16 gigalitres has spilt since July, being well in excess of 3 times the existing capacity of Lake Rowlands. It is acknowledged that these spills have environmental and downstream user benefits, and although 3.5 gigalitres will be held back with the raising of the wall, the REF will consider potential environmental impacts of this proposed augmentation," Mr Rhodes said.

CTW's chairman, Cr David Somerville was also delighted with the news that approval had been obtained to proceed with the study and said, "Although the delay in progressing the study has been frustrating for the CTW Board and senior management, our

advocacy has remained strong and now we look forward to the outcomes of the detailed concept design, REF and final business case."

The Lake Rowlands Augmentation project aligns with the final business case of the Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam Pipeline project currently being undertaken by WaterNSW.

Both projects are expected to be completed during FY 2021/22.



Photo: Lake Rowlands continues to spill (29 March 2021). It is estimated that in excess of 17 gigalitres has spilt since July 2020.

Did you know about our automatic water filling stations?

Three stations are currently operational in Cabonne Shire, located at Manildra, Canowindra and Eugowra, with a further two stations to be commissioned in Cargo and Cudal. There are also two stations to be commissioned in Weddin Shire, located at Grenfell and Quandialla.

All automatic water filling stations have been funded by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme via Cabonne Council and Weddin Shire Council.

The level of Lake Rowlands is 98% as at 28 April 2021. Please check our website for regular water level updates. Thank you for using water wisely.

Receive Water Notices by email

You can have your water bill emailed to your nominated email address.

The use of emailed bill delivery is quicker, cheaper and better for the environment.

If you would like your water account emailed, please complete the Water Notice email form available on our website.

<https://www.ctw.nsw.gov.au/forms/online-forms/>

CTW Water Bottles are available for purchase, at \$5 each, at its office in Blayney and constituent councils of Cabonne and Weddin.

* 750ml BPA Free

* Impact Resistant

* Odour Resistant

* Shatter Proof

* Dishwasher Safe.



Paying Water Notices by Direct Debit

Direct debit is a hassle free, automatic account payment which allows Council to directly debit your bank, credit union or building society account. Payment of your water account using direct debit can be made in full on the due date, or by regular fixed payments made weekly, fortnightly or per 28 days. The specified amount will be automatically deducted from your nominated account on the payment due date.

Simply download the Direct Debit Request available on our website, complete and return the form. Or contact Council on 6391 7200 and a form will be forwarded to you.

<https://www.ctw.nsw.gov.au/forms/online-forms/>

ROBERT "DICKO" DIXON – 40 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Robert "Dicko" Dixon retired in January 2021 after achieving a significant service milestone of 40 years as a CTW Water Network Operator for Canowindra and surrounding areas.

Dicko has provided exemplary service to CTW and has always been highly respected and regarded by Council, work colleagues and the consumers he has served over a long period of time.

During Dicko's 40 years of committed and dedicated service to CTW, his achievements have included the following:

- * Managing as the Operator in Charge, the replacement of reticulation mains in Canowindra, South Canowindra, Cudal, Eugowra and Morebel.
- * Installation of a new trunk main from Cudal to Manildra, known as Grey's Hill, to significantly increase water transfer capacity. His responsibilities included supervisor, official record keeper and archaeological liaison officer.
- * Assisted with the implementation of new pump stations to increase water transfer capacity to Eugowra, Cudal, Cargo and Gooloogong.
- * Trunk Mains maintenance throughout the CTW supply network.
- * Reticulation Mains maintenance throughout the CTW supply network.
- * Installation of services throughout the CTW supply network.

Dicko's exemplary service was formally recognised at Council's December 2020 meeting in Canowindra.

CTW's Councillors, Management and Staff wish Dicko and Colleen a very healthy and happy retirement, and once again thank Dicko for his dedicated and committed service to CTW and its consumers over such a significant period of time.



Having Trouble Paying Your Water Account?

If you are unable to pay your account by the due date please contact CTW to make an agreed payment arrangement.

CTW is happy to assist with any questions relating to your water services.

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Grenfell, Quandialla, Eugowra, Trajere, Canowindra, Cargo, Cudal,
Manildra, Cowra Rurals

