

## Newsletter

November 2020

### CTW CHAIRMAN & DEPUTY CHAIRMAN RE-ELECTED



Pictured at Weddin Shire Council Chambers, Grenfell, from L/R is Cr Kevin Walker, Deputy Chairman and Cr David Somervaille, Chairman of Central Tablelands Water County Council.

At their meeting in Grenfell on 14 October 2020, the Members of Central Tablelands Water County Council re-elected unopposed Cr David Somervaille, representing Blayney Shire Council, as Chairman and Cr Kevin Walker, representing Cabonne Council, as Deputy Chairman, until the local government elections in September 2021.

Both Cr Somervaille and Cr Walker are serving their seventh term as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively.

Cr Somervaille, who is also the water portfolio chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation, said "Thank you for showing your support in our leadership for the next 12 months. Cr Walker and I have been Chairman and Deputy Chairman for quite some time. This Council has a long history of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for long periods, with previous partnerships serving for decades, and we're grateful for your support."

The *Local Government Act 1993* was amended in 2016 to provide that mayors of councils elected by the councillors holds the office of mayor for two years, subject to the Act.

At the time the legislation was changed, a similar amendment to the Act in respect of the term of chairs of county councils was not considered. Therefore, the election for chairperson of a county council is held on an annual basis as per the current legislation.

#### Did you know about our automatic water filling stations?

Three (3) stations are currently operational in Cabonne Shire, located at Manildra, Canowindra and Eungowra, with a further two (2) stations to be commissioned in Cargo and Cudal. There is also two (2) 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.

**The level of Lake Rowlands is 98% as at 23 October 2020. Please check our website for regular water level updates. Thank you for using water wisely.**

## LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION (update)

CTW continues to welcome the rainfall that has followed since those which have caused the filling and overspilling of Lake Rowlands Dam from 29 July 2020.

Approximately 12GL of water, equating to 266% of the current Lake Rowlands Dam storage capacity, has flowed over the spillway.

In terms of the current NSW Government funded Lake Rowlands Augmentation feasibility study, these overspills equate to:

- 100% filling the Raised Wall option with 8GL of overspills, thus providing CTW with 8GL total storage,
- 100% filling of existing dam and 77% filling of new 15.5GL downstream dam option, thus providing CTW with 16.5GL total storage, or
- 100% filling of existing dam and 45% filling of new 26.5GL downstream dam option, thus providing CTW with 16.5GL total storage.

The Lake Rowlands catchment has once again proven its reliability and resilience, with augmentation a must to assist in managing future droughts for our existing consumers and the Central West region.

The Lake Rowlands Augmentation feasibility study is currently on hold until additional water modelling has been completed by DPIE Water and WaterNSW, investigating how a potential Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam pipeline can be operated with an existing Lake Rowlands or an augmented Lake Rowlands. This modelling work is expected to be completed by the end of November.

### Receive Water Notices by email

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/>

### Paying Water Notices by Direct Debit

Would you prefer to pay your water account by direct debit? Please complete the Direct Debit Request, available on our website.

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### MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

Trunk Main "K" Grenfell to Gooloogong replacement project.

CTW has completed the flushing and pressurising of the new pipeline in readiness for super chlorination of the entire pipeline.

CTW is on track to transfer across all services and main connections by December 2020.

### Caragabal Water Supply Feasibility Study - Community Consultation

Due to the recent prolonged drought and the dire water supply issues experienced at Caragabal, CTW as the water supply authority for the Weddin LGA, advocated for government funding to undertake a feasibility study to secure a reliable and secure water supply for the Caragabal community and district.

This advocacy was undertaken in collaboration with the Member for Cootamundra, Ms Steph Cooke MP, Weddin Shire Council, and Caragabal community members.

Funding confirmation was received on 7 January from Minister Pavey MP of \$100,000 to undertake the feasibility study. The study commenced in February.

The focus of the study has been on defining the technical, economic, social and environmental feasibility of providing a reliable potable water supply to the village of Caragabal.

A Community Consultation "Drop-in" session has been scheduled for 29 October (10.30am to 3pm) at the Caragabal Memorial Hall and will present potential water supply options to the village of Caragabal (including high level costings) and seek feedback from the community regarding potential support for a reliable supply and willingness to pay.

All residents and landowners within the village of Caragabal and any interested farmers in the Caragabal district are encouraged to attend the Community Consultation "Drop-in" session.

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.



### 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.

To find out more visit [www.ctw.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ctw.nsw.gov.au) or call (02) 6391 7200

For 24-Hour Emergency Service please call (02) 6391 7200

Covers the areas of: Blayney, Carcoar, Lyndhurst, Mandurama, Millthorpe,

Grenfell, Quandialla, Eugowra, Trajere, Canowindra, Cargo, Cudal,

Manildra, Cowra Rurals

