

Water Harvesting Works Underway



Mayor Robert Taylor and Project Manager Simon Isbester from Upright Management

Work on the city's water harvesting project is well underway with major works occurring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Excavation of the main storage pond has commenced which will be used to house 36 megalitres of stormwater runoff. A 5.5km pipeline will be constructed to take the water to the Water Filtration Plant where it will be treated for the city's drinking water supply. More information on the project is on page two.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Bathurst has a rich history and it is important to protect and enhance this part of our region's culture. A free heritage advisory service is available to our community, with staff available to discuss maintenance, development options and provide advice on signage and colour schemes. The service operates on a fortnightly basis and is available by calling 6333 6111.

We also have small grants to help property owners and community groups to restore, repair, promote and interpret the region's heritage.

To apply or for more information visit [YourSay Bathurst](#). Applications close on 9 June.

Robert Taylor
Mayor of Bathurst

Water Harvesting

The stormwater harvesting project will boost the city's water security by providing extra drinking water supply. The scheme will include a 36 megalitre storage pond off Morrisset Street to capture stormwater runoff from drains and catchments and an 8 megalitre storage pond at the Water Filtration Plant.

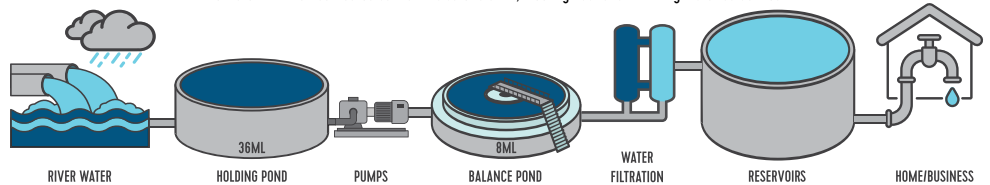
Once it is harvested and collected, the water will be pumped back to the Water Filtration Plant so that it is safe to use.

The scheme will have the ability to capture around 1500 megalitres of stormwater during rainfall and runoff events every year - which is approximately one third of the water used by Bathurst when under water restrictions.

The NSW Government has provided \$20 million in funding to Council for water security projects including the Water Harvesting Scheme and the Winburndale pipeline project. Updates are available on [YourSay Bathurst](#).

WATER HARVESTING - HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Water Harvesting project will capture a percentage of water flow in the Macquarie Wambool River downstream of the Water Filtration Plant. It will be stored in a 36ML holding pond, be pre-treated and pumped via a pipeline back to a 8ML balance pond located at the Water Filtration Plant. The water will then be treated so that it is safe to drink, meeting Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.



The Project will improve water security across the Bathurst Region and provide additional drinking water for the growing population of Bathurst into the future. The design of the infrastructure will ensure that water flows beyond Bathurst are not significantly impacted enabling water for downstream users and the environment.

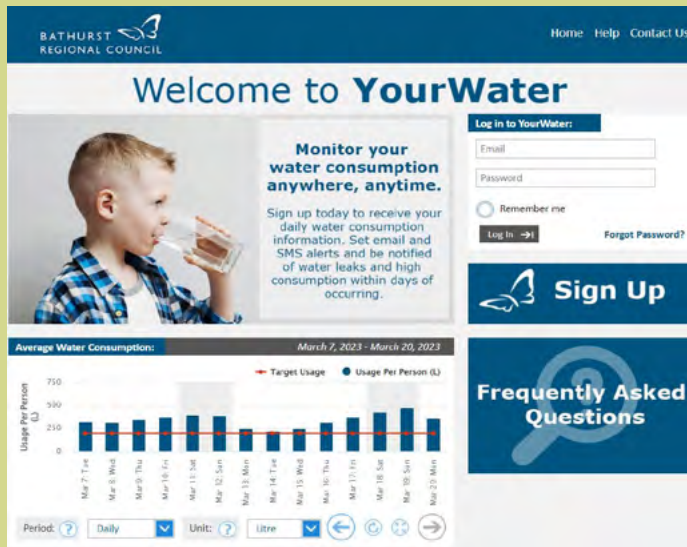
YourWater Portal Launched

Council has launched YourWater, the online portal for properties that have had smart water devices installed.

Smart water meters have been rolled out to about 2300 properties across Bathurst and is a device that automatically records water use and can report that usage data electronically at regular intervals.

YourWater will allow residents access to data for their property on the amount of water being used each day. It also enables residents to set up email and SMS alerts to notify them of possible water leaks and high consumption periods.

To sign up, residents will be prompted to provide some personal details and information on their latest rates notice. For more information visit yourwater.bathurst.nsw.gov.au



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Danelle Bergstrom: Afterglow

1 April – 11 June

Afterglow is Bergstrom's first career survey and presents key works from the last 25 years of the artist's practice.

Leanne Wicks: Birds Like Us

1 April – 11 June

Blending her lifelong passions of birding, ornithology, and knitting, Leanne Wicks presents knitted portraits of artists associated with the programs of BRAG and the Cementia art festival.

For more information visit www.bathurstart.com.au



Leanne Wicks, Linda Jackson, 2023, yarn, wire, glass, felt, fabric, fill, 25 x 29 x 14 cm. Image courtesy the artist.



FROM THE YOUTH MAYOR

The Youth Council has been preparing for events that will occur throughout the year including Youth Week which will run from April 20-30.

In partnership with Creative Community Concepts, a sporting event for young people aged 12 to 24 years of age will be held. It will be a great day for young people to get out, be active and try a range of sporting activities with their peers. Details on the event are available on the Bathurst Youth Instagram and Facebook pages, as well as Council's website.

Harvey Lew

Youth Mayor

Bat night at Machattie Park

An information evening was held at Machattie Park recently to inform the community about the important ecological role that flying-foxes play in our environment. Ecologists from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment provided an educational talk and a tour through the park.

The Macquarie Wambuil River Bathurst Flying-Fox Camp Habitat Restoration Project is part of the Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration Program assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust in association with Local Government NSW and Council.



WIRES Central West Flying-Fox Rescue Coordinator Pamela Drury, Mayor Robert Taylor and Council's Environmental Programs Coordinator Kristie Kearney

Tree planting days

Since 2008 Council has planted more than 88,000 trees and shrubs throughout the LGA through the community tree planting days and street tree programs. Another series of community tree planting days will be held around the region in the coming months.

Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek

Where: Off Alpha Street Levee, Bathurst (corner of Police Paddock and Proctor Park)

When: 10:00am Sunday 30 April

Jordan Creek

Where: Links Place Drainage Reserve, off Boundary Road, Robin Hill

When: 10:00am Sunday 28 May

Macquarie/Wambuil River

Where: Rankens Bridge - O'Keefe Park (Eglinton Bridge), Abercrombie

When: 10:00am Sunday 25 June

Please bring water, sunscreen, gloves, hat and wear suitable shoes. The event will go ahead in light rain, so please bring a raincoat if required. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer. For further information and/or to register please phone 0407 256 791 or 6333 6100



@BMEC

National Theatre Live: Othello

Sunday 14 May at 1pm

An extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy.

Euphoria

Tuesday 16 May at 7:30pm and Wednesday 17 May at 11am

This tale of good days, bad days and everything in between catapults us right into the heart of this little town where everyone knows everyone.

National Theatre Live: Best of Enemies

Sunday 25 June at 1pm

In 1968 America, as two men fight to become the next president, all eyes are on the battle between two others: the cunningly conservative William F. Buckley Jr and the unruly liberal Gore Vidal.

For more information or tickets visit bmec.com.au



WHAT'S ON

NRL Telstra Premiership

Saturday 29 April

NRL premiers, the Penrith Panthers, will return to Carrington Park to take on Wests Tigers in a round nine clash for the Royce Simmons Cup. Be there for a huge action-packed day of footy. Visit bathurstnrl.com.au for more information or to purchase tickets.



Proclamation Day

Sunday 7 May

Proclamation Day acknowledges the anniversary of the first proclamation of Bathurst as a European settlement by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1815. The day consists of a proclamation ceremony and the recognising of past and present members of the community who have contributed to shaping the town.

For more information visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Bathurst Winter Festival

1 - 16 July

The city's centre will be transformed into a hub of excitement, creativity and fun when the Bathurst Winter Festival returns. Get ready to layer up and experience the magic of winter with the 16-day festival featuring an open-air ice rink, rides, illuminations, entertainment, and delicious local food and wine.

Visit bathurstwinterfestival.com.au for more information.



For more information on these events visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

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