

Fluoride dosing for Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant

New equipment has been installed at the Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant and the Wardell community is now receiving fluoridated water.

Other Ballina Shire residents should expect fluoridated water to be turned on by the middle of this year. Residents do not need to do anything in preparation for fluoridated water, when the change is implemented residents should not notice any difference in taste or water quality.

For residents who would prefer not to use fluoridated water, reverse osmosis units can be purchased through specialist suppliers.

For more information go to:

Rous Water: rouswater.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Documents/fluoridation-questions-and-answers-nsw.pdf>



REMEMBER THE THREE P'S... pee, poo and paper down the toilet.

Wet wipes are clogging up our wastewater systems because although they will flush down toilets, they take months to break to down.

Other items such as nappy wipes, cleansing wipes, nappies, cotton wool, make-up pads, cotton buds, dental floss, sanitary items and condoms should also be put in the bin.

Even products labelled 'flushable' should not be flushed as they do not disintegrate like toilet paper. Toilet paper breaks down in minutes but other products remain intact even after months submerged in water.

These products block pipes and get caught in the equipment at our wastewater treatment plants and pump stations, which not only causes breakdowns but adds to operating costs.

Residents may also find these products can even clog up pipes on private property, and could result in a costly plumber's bill to remove them.

The clear message is to remember the three P's – and only flush pee, poo and paper down the toilet.



Smith Drive, West Ballina – Pimlico – Uralba Water Pipeline

Ballina Shire Council is looking to save 120,000 kilolitres of water per year by replacing one of its oldest water mains in the Shire. Construction of the new 4.5 kilometre water pipeline will occur between Uralba and the Smith Drive industrial area in West Ballina.

Construction of the pipeline will commence in April 2015 and is expected to take several months. There may be some temporary disruptions to water services during the construction phase, and Council will inform residents when this is likely to occur.

For more information on the project, contact the Water Group on 6686 4444.



LATEST NEWS FROM ROUS WATER

New Knockrow Water Reservoir Commissioned

Rous Water has commissioned a new 10 megalitre water supply reservoir at Knockrow. The reservoir provides water to Ballina Shire Council's water supply system which in turn distributes water to customers in Ballina and Lennox Head.

The new reservoir replaces the existing 1 megalitre reservoir adjacent to the Pacific Highway. At a cost of around \$5 million, the new Knockrow reservoir is a critical part of the bulk water supply system for areas of Ballina Shire. The upgrade allows for greater security and reliability of water supply to Ballina and Lennox Head, and caters for anticipated population and housing growth in these areas. From an operational perspective, it also allows Rous Water to make better use of all water sources for Ballina Shire residents including Emigrant Creek Dam.



Pump station that feeds water to Newrybar from the Knockrow Reservoir. Newrybar is at a higher elevation to the reservoir and requires pumps to deliver water to properties at Newrybar.

New Rebates

From the 1st of April there will be new rebates available for residents on town water.

Ballina Shire residents will be able to access rebates for rainwater tanks or connection to recycled water (which is a drought proof source).

Terms and conditions apply.

For more information visit rouswater.nsw.gov.au or telephone 6621 8055



BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL'S

PRESSURE AND LEAKAGE Management Plan

You may have seen Council staff digging for water pipes around town over the past few months, the work was part our plan to reduce water loss and the work is now complete.

The Shire was divided into different water zones so that Council can reduce water losses and improve service by:

- > More quickly locating and fixing leaks and breaks
- > Reducing unnecessarily high water pressure

Council thanks the community for their patience and cooperation during traffic and water interruptions that occurred during this program.

For more information please phone the Water Group on 6686 4444

