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Stage 2 water restrictions introduced in Euroa and Violet Town

A decision to implement Stage 2 water restrictions in Euroa and Violet Town has been made by Goulburn Valley Water following months of dry and warm conditions.

Restrictions will be in accordance with GVW's Bylaw 512 and came into effect from Thursday 11th April and will remain in place until further notice.

Storages in the Euroa system, which supplies both Euroa and Violet Town, are sitting at about 22% and demand continues to be high due to warm autumn weather.

Improvement works underway this year on the original Abbinga storage dam are also affecting storage levels.

GVW General Manager Service Delivery, Daniel Flanagan said residents needed to take action to save water now.

"Stage 2 restrictions means people shouldn't be using water outside unless absolutely necessary," Mr Flanagan said.

"We encourage residents to also take that extra step and think about how they can reduce water consumption elsewhere – take shorter showers, use the half-flush on the toilet and turn off the tap while you're brushing your teeth.

We're actively monitoring storage levels, demand and forecast rainfall – if demand remains high and there is minimal rainfall and inflows into our storages, we may need to increase the restrictions.

We thank customers in advance for following all restrictions and their efforts to conserve water."

Strathbogie Shire CEO, Steve Crawcour said Council is working with Goulburn Valley Water to reduce its operational water usage and use alternate supplies of water, including raw water, where possible.

"We have had discussions and assistance from Goulburn Valley Water to look at where we can reduce Council's water usage, as well as ensuring the shire's essential assets are maintained where possible," Mr Crawcour explained.

Key Stage 2 restrictions include:

- Residential, commercial or public lawn areas cannot be watered at any time
- Residential, commercial or public gardens must only be watered as required and only with a handheld hose, bucket or watering can at any time, or with a watering system on alternate days between 6-8am or 6-8pm

- Water cannot generally be used to fill or top up fountains, water features, ponds or lakes, or a new or existing pool or spa
- Cars cannot be washed except by using a pressure washer, handheld hose or bucket or at a commercial car wash

Introducing water restrictions will ensure water can continue to be supplied to all residents for essential use.

The region experienced one of the warmest summers on record, and climate outlooks from the Bureau of Meteorology indicate that days and nights are likely to be warmer than average from April to June.

Customers can visit Goulburn Valley Water's website for more information on the full restrictions and for tips on saving water around the home.

Goulburn Valley Water uses text messaging to inform customers of service interruptions, emergencies and other essential information.

To register your phone number to receive notifications, call Goulburn Valley Water's 24-hour Customer Service Centre on 1800 454 500.

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