

New Shires Reservoir opening secures water supply for rural customers

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A new reservoir providing water to about 2200 rural residents was today officially opened by Riverina Water.

The opening of the \$3.1 million new Shires Reservoir located in South Kapooka, marks the completion of the two-year project to replace the previous Shires Reservoir on Willans Hill.

Riverina Water Chair Greg Verdon said the new reservoir will serve communities along the southern rural trunk system from Wagga Wagga to Walla Walla for generations to come.

‘Water supply is crucial to helping our communities flourish and the new reservoir improves reliability of water supply in rural areas,’ Mr Verdon said.

‘We don’t often think about the infrastructure behind water delivery, but the construction of this reservoir allows us to bring water directly to the homes and properties of our customers to service their everyday needs.’

At seven metres tall and with a diameter of 33 metres, the new reservoir is able to hold five megalitres of water.

Riverina Water Engineering Director Bede Spannagle said the new reservoir is 2.7 metres higher than the previous reservoir.

‘The previous reservoir and related infrastructure had reached the end of their life span,’ Mr Spannagle said.

‘The extra height of the new reservoir means we can also improve water pressure for customers.’

The official opening was attended by the Riverina Water Board, staff and media.

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Our water supply covers the local government areas of Wagga Wagga, Lockhart and parts of Greater Hume and Federation Councils.