

## Media release

# Rebate increase for pensioners and no change to rates

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Riverina Water is increasing pensioner rebates while also keeping rates on hold.

As proposed in the 2019-2020 Operational Plan, eligible pensioners can take advantage of an extra \$20 per year to the existing rebate effective 1 July 2019.

Riverina Water Chair Greg Verdon said the total rebate of \$120 per year will help reduce cost of living pressures for pensioners.

'We're in a financial position where we can help reduce the financial burden for some of our community's most vulnerable,' Mr Verdon said.

Rate payers will also see no increase to access and usage charges in the 2019/20 financial year. This sees residential rates remain at \$1.46 per quarter for the first 125 kilolitres of water and \$2.19 for every kilolitre thereafter.

Also outlined in the 2019-2020 Operational Plan's capital expenditure budget are projects that will help secure water supply across the Riverina Water network for generations to come.

'Projects for this financial year include construction of the \$1.5 million Glenoak Reservoir to service the growing Lloyd area,' Mr Verdon said.

'We'll also build two new reservoirs at Willans Hill at a cost of \$4.5 million and undertake water main upgrades throughout our network.'

The 2019-2020 Operational Plan was finalised following community consultation where no submissions were received.

Customers can sign up for the pensioner rebate by calling 6922 0608.

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