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Engineering students Zual Klathan (left) and Ashleigh Hayden inspect the Water Treatment Plant at Riverina Water's Hammond Avenue site.

## Local student gains hands-on experience

Engineering student Zual Klathan has gained on-the-job experience at Riverina Water.

After graduating from Wagga High School in 2015, Zual has studied at Western Sydney University. Now in his final year, Zual has taken part in Riverina Water's cadet program.

"The engineering team are very supportive to help you learn and develop your professional skills," he said. "I have learned the designing aspects in the water industry as well as project management.

"I think working with our staff has

been an absolute amazing highlight so far. The team allowing me to make my own decisions and take initiative is something I valued."

Director Engineering Bede Spannagle said Riverina Water is committed to supporting the next generation of engineers.

"Each year we take on a number of engineering students at different stages of their study to gain valuable on-the-job experience," he said. "Zual has been a welcome addition to our engineering team and has contributed to a number of important projects during his time with us."



Manager Works Austin Morris presents winners Mater Dei Catholic College with their plaque.

## Annual challenge a success

We proudly supported Murrumbidgee Rotary's Science and Engineering Challenge in March.

The annual challenge brings students together from the region's schools to

compete in STEM activities. Along with being the major sponsor for a number of years, Riverina Water's engineering staff work with the students throughout the challenge.



LEFT: Project Engineer James Dwerryhouse assists students during one of the challenges.

## Water issues?

If you're experiencing issues with water supply or a water related emergency, please call us on **6922 0608** 24 hours a day, seven days a week



## Cover up before the cold arrives

Your water meter should have a cover on it to protect it from damage or frost.

If you don't have a cover, or are using a tyre or something else, we can provide you with a free cover.

Your meter should also be tidy and free from weeds, grass and plants.

Need a cover? Call us on 6922 0642 or visit [rwcc.nsw.gov.au/contactus](http://rwcc.nsw.gov.au/contactus).



## Lending a helping hand to locals

As well as sponsoring community events and supporting local causes, we donate IT equipment to groups and clubs.

IT Coordinator Patrick Dwyer (pictured middle) recently presented Country Hope with a smartboard.



The Men's Shed and Women's Shed in Wagga also recently received

IT equipment that was no longer required by Riverina Water.

## Farrer Road project complete in city's growing northern suburbs

The third and final stage of the Farrer Road project was completed in February.

This dedicated rising main between the Estella Pump House and Estella Reservoir will increase the flow into the reservoir and improve supply in a growing part of Wagga.

The 450mm ductile iron, cement-lined pipe has been laid along Farrer Road, Boorooma Street, Estella Road and Pine Gully Road. The eight-month project represented a \$730,000 investment in improving our network.

## Community shares in more than \$600,000 worth of grants funding

We have awarded \$612,836 in funding to 66 grassroots projects and initiatives throughout the region.

Residents in Wagga Wagga City, Lockhart Shire, Greater Hume and Federation councils are sharing in the benefits of our Community Grants Program. Successful applicants were announced at the end of 2020, with many projects now under way in local communities.

"This was only our second year of the grants program and applications almost doubled from 2019," Riverina Water Chairperson Councillor Greg Verdon said.

"We were able to allocate all \$612,836 of funding, which means we have now awarded a total of \$1M across both years of the grants program."

The diverse range of projects funded this year include establishing a community gym at Urana, a water tower mural in Walla Walla, a short film about floating down the river at Wagga, revitalising a 100-year-old hall in Urangeline and everything in between.

The program is also supporting initiatives involving the Yazidi and Burmese communities, a number of projects celebrating First Nations culture and a range of works to improving accessibility

at community buildings.

"Our program allocates funding to each of the four councils we supply drinking water to across three categories – Community Projects & Facilities, Water Conservation and Arts & Culture," Cr Verdon said.

"This ensures we can support a range of initiatives that will have long-lasting benefits for the local communities in our 15,000 square kilometre supply area."

The Community Grants Program will return in 2021/22. Find out who received funding in your community at [rwcc.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://rwcc.nsw.gov.au/grants).

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