

Ontap

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Facts & figures

- \$44M project (100% community funded)
- 850 tonnes of concrete laid across 7000 cubic metres
- A kilometre of below and above ground pipes
- 45km of electrical cabling
- 30 chemical dosing pumps
- 6 high lift pumps
- 3 raw water pumps at the river intake

Future-proofing our region's drinking water

A \$44M project to ensure safe and reliable drinking water for a growing population over the next 30 years is complete.

Riverina Water's new Water Treatment Plant was officially opened last year by then Chairperson Clr Greg Verdon and Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr.

The state-of-the-art facility will allow Riverina Water to treat more water

from the Murrumbidgee River and distribute it across our 15,000sqm supply area.

"This is a once-in-a-generation infrastructure project," Riverina Water CEO Andrew Crakanthorp said.

"It is the single largest piece of infrastructure we have constructed and is one most significant projects for this entire region. The new plant will serve a growing population across the Wagga Wagga, Lockhart, Greater Hume and Federation council areas up to 2050."



Discover more about your new Wagga Water Treatment Plant
rwcc.nsw.gov.au/wtp

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





Bigger and better: treatment plant ready for region's growth

Riverina Water's new Water Treatment Plant can output 55 megalitres a day, compared to 40 megalitres of the old plant, which was originally constructed in 1938.

It is designed to treat water from the Murrumbidgee River with turbidity levels seven-and-a-half times higher than the previous plant.

"By being able to treat more river water, we can responsibly manage our

ground and surface water allocations into the future," Director Engineering Bede Spannagle said.

"What is most impressive about the new water treatment plant is that it is a state-of-the-art facility.

"It can be operated remotely, has redundancy built in so it can operate all day, every day if needed and is fully automatic with continuous online monitoring."

“ We have future-proofed drinking water supply for our region through a project that is 100% community funded

CEO Andrew Crakanthorp



ABOVE: Treatment Plant Operator Phil McAlister powers on the new plant remotely with Member for Wagga Dr Joe McGirr and Riverina Water Chairperson Greg Verdon.

BELOW: Staff proudly show off the new plant.



Investing in the next generation

Riverina Water has continued its investment in education and training.

The county council now has six apprentices and trainees; including recently recruiting for an apprentice mechanic.

Other roles are spread across IT, Customer Service, trades and maintenance.

The roles allow young people to get on-the-job training and finish with a certificate or qualification.

"By investing in the next generation, we ensure we have qualified and experienced staff into the future," Riverina Water CEO Andrew Crakanthorp said.

Join us at Fusion 2022 in Wagga

Riverina Water is again a major sponsor of Wagga City Council's multicultural street festival, Fusion.

We will provide \$25,000 to

support the festival as part of a three-event agreement. Fusion is on 9 April at the Victory Memorial Gardens: wagga.nsw.gov.au/fusion

Pat Brassil AM recognised by naming

Riverina Water's boardroom has been officially named in recognition of Pat Brassil AM's contribution to the organisation.

Mr Brassil is on record as the longest-serving Councillor in Wagga's history and one of the longest serving in NSW history, from 1974 to 2004. He



was mayor seven times, chiefly from 1989 to 1995, and delegate and chairman of the Riverina Water County

Council, and its predecessor, for 25 years. His wife Anne and family joined with Riverina Water to mark the occasion (pictured).

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