



CHANGES TO THE USE OF SHIRE WATER STANDPIPES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Why are the Standpipes being locked?**

Due to the new charges being introduced by the Water Corporation on Local Government standpipes starting from 1 July 2019, Local Governments will need to categorise their standpipes in order to minimise costs. Water will be available for purchase from Community and Commercial standpipes located on Westonia-Carrabin Road, McPharlin Road, Carrabin townsite, Walgoolan townsite, Warralakin Road (Cranleigh), Warrachuppin/George Road, Boodarockin/George Road, Warralakin and Boodarockin (M40).
- **Which standpipes can I use to purchase water for my property?**

All of the above standpipes will be available you can purchase water. Swipe cards will be required to operate these standpipes to purchase water.
- **Who will have access to swipe cards?**

Anyone wanting to access and purchase standpipe water will be able to apply for a swipe card from the Shire Administration Office. Domestic cards (farmers) will be free for the first card and additional cards will be charged at \$20. Commercial cards (Mine/ Contractors) will be charged at \$20 upon completion of the required application form.
- **How much will water cost from the Commercial Standpipe?**

They will now be based on four categories shown below:

 - George/Boodarockin Community 20mm \$2.534 per kilolitre
 - George/Warrachuppin Community 20mm \$2.534 per kilolitre
 - M40/Boodarockin Community 20mm \$2.534 per kilolitre
 - Walgoolan TS Commercial 50mm \$8.353 per kilolitre
 - Westonia TS Commercial 40mm \$8.353 per kilolitre
 - Carrabin TS Commercial 50mm \$8.353 per kilolitre
 - Cranleigh Commercial 40mm \$8.353 per kilolitre
 - McPharlin Community 25mm \$2.534 per kilolitre
 - Warralakin East Commercial 50mm \$8.353 per kilolitre
 - Fire-fighting Standpipe –No Annual Fee 100% discount/No Water Use Charge
- **In the event of a fire which standpipes can I use for firefighting and how will the standpipes be unlocked?**

All standpipes can be used for firefighting. All Fire Control Officers and Fire appliances will have a swipe card at access water. During a Fire emergency, the Shire will then enable the “fire mode” on the commercial standpipe allowing access to water without the need of a swipe card.
- **Can I fill up my firefighter free of charge from standpipes for preventing outbreak of fires on my property?**

NO....! You should fill up your firefighter tanks with a local water source from your property and not utilise potable water for that purpose. In the event of a fire, you can use a standpipe to fill your unit.
- **What happens in the event of a declared Water Deficiency Event (Drought)? Can I access water for stock and do I have to pay?**

During a declared Water Deficiency Event (drought) made by the State Government, farmers are able to access the water at a concessional rate in accordance with the declaration from any standpipe.