

Media release

Emergency water relief program and new tank to help Oberne community

Friday 24 January 2020

Following the recent bushfires in the region, Riverina Water has created an emergency water relief program to assist residents who are experiencing water tank contamination.

Riverina Water will provide up to 15,000 litres of potable water and water cartage to replenish the household water tanks of eligible residents.

The water utility will also donate almost \$3000 to cover the cost of a new water tank at the Oberne Hall, along with covering the cost to fill the 25,000l tank to recover the precious water lost from their existing damaged tank.

“Everyone across the nation has asked ‘how can we help?’ during this terrible period,” Riverina Water Chair, Councillor Greg Verdon, said.

“The Oberne community on the edge of the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area and has been heavily impacted by the recent bushfire emergency, which has contaminated much of their water tanks with ash and debris.

“These people are not connected to our drinking water supply, so this program is a way we can support our wider community and help with the recovery effort.

“We will be rolling out this program immediately and are working with the Oberne community to have the new water tank at the hall installed as soon as possible.”

Cr Verdon thanked his fellow Board members - who are made up of Councillor representatives from Wagga Wagga, Lockhart, Federation and Greater Hume – for supporting the emergency water relief program.

Riverina Water made the funding announcements at a community meeting held at Oberne Hall on Thursday 23 January.

“Our Community Hall is our Hub and a point for social and sporting events as well as our RFS training days and gatherings,” Oberne Hall secretary Jasmine Allen thanked said.

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“We couldn’t be more thankful for the help and support Riverina Water has given our community already in a time of need and to all the other organisations that made it to the meeting for community members to seek support and information locally.”

Oberne residents eligible for the program can contact Riverina Water’s Community Engagement Officer Joshua Lang on 02 6922 0608 or email community@rwcc.nsw.gov.au.

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