

## NOTICE OF WORKS – TE KUITI WATER RESERVOIR

The upgrade of the Te Kuiti Water Treatment Plant began in January this year. Once complete, the Plant will deliver treated water to the standard set for NZ Drinking Water, improve the overall service and provide a valuable asset that will support Te Kuiti's public health outcomes for many years to come.

We are about to commence one of the most significant parts of the upgrade which is the water reservoir. This is the part of the system that stores the treated water before it is used.

The reservoir requires refurbishment work inside and out, so that it can accommodate the new layout of the water treatment plant.

The time frame for this work is approximately 4 weeks with the project starting on **Monday 28 September 2015**. The work will be completed as efficiently as possible.

During winter the level of water consumption is lower than in the summer. We have planned the refurbishment work to take place during this time, to reduce any impact on residents and businesses connected to the water supply.

There will be a temporary reduction in the level of water storage capacity due to the reservoir being off-line to enable the refurbishment work to take place.

We assure the community that the water treatment process will continue to function as normal and the remaining reservoirs have sufficient capacity to support the reduced seasonal demand and water conservation efforts.

We request your co-operation by **conserving water use** as much as possible. A conservation campaign will be launched through online, printed and broadcast media about the importance of using less water.

### Water Restrictions in place

Te Kuiti residents and businesses connected to the water supply are asked to follow our **Water Restriction level 3** – a total ban on sprinklers and only hand held hosing is permitted.

### Water Leaks

Small water leaks can result in big losses. Around 14,000 litres of water a day can be wasted through a hole the size of a small nail. If you have a water meter, you can do an overnight check for problems. Just read the meter before going to bed, then first thing in the morning. The difference should be minimal.

- Check taps, pipes, and connections regularly for possible leaks.
- Check for leaking stock troughs or irrigation systems.
- Check your garden hose regularly for leaks. Store it on a reel to prevent kinking and damage.
- Watch for wet spots on dry ground (could be water soaking the ground from the line below) or for grass areas that grow more quickly than others.

**If you are aware of any leaks, please contact Council immediately on 0800 932 4357.**

### Quick Tips for Water Conservation

Water savings can be achieved by making small adjustments to the way we use water.

Here are some ways that you can help conserve water:

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 5 litres a minute. That's around 140 litres a week for a family of four.
- Use a water saving attachment or nozzle on your hose so that water only flows when you need it.
- Fill the sink to clean vegetables and wash the dishes.
- Use the right size pan for cooking. Large pans may require more cooking water than necessary.
- Do full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Encourage shorter showers or shallower baths.
- For cool drinking water, fill a jug and keep it in the fridge.
- Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 4-5 centimetres. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.

**For further assistance please contact the Manager Water Services Andreas Senger on (07) 878 0800 or 0800 932 4357.**

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