

## 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 a commercial standpipe located on Highbury West Road near the intersection of Chomley Road Narrogin.
- **Which standpipes can I use to purchase water for my property?**  
There will be one (1) standpipe where you can purchase water. The standpipe is located on Highbury West Road near the intersection of Chomley Road. A pre-paid swipe card will be required to operate this standpipe to purchase water.
- **Who will have access to swipe cards?**  
Anyone wanting to access and purchase standpipe water will be able to purchase a pre-paid swipe card from the Shire Administration Office for \$20.00
- **How much will water cost from the Commercial Standpipe?**  
The cost of water from the commercial standpipe will be \$6.54 per kilolitre (1000 litres). This cost will be automatically deducted from your pre-paid swipe card at the time the water is accessed.
- **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 standpipes except the commercial standpipe will be fitted with a standard Shire fire control padlock and all Fire Control Officers will have a standard fire control padlock key. Should water be required from the commercial standpipe in a fire emergency then phone contact should be made with the Shire's Senior Ranger on 0448 873 207, he 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.

Further information from the Water Corporation on Fixed Standpipes can be accessed on their website

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au>.

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