

Media Release



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Heavy rains not so “bore-ing” for Lancefield

Good rainfall in 2010 means Lancefield will not need to rely on bore water alone for its water needs this summer.

Western Water’s Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says Lancefield tap water is now being supplied only from the local reservoir, which has been boosted by heavy winter and spring rains.

However, some bore water may be needed later in summer, as the amount of water flowing in to the catchment drops.

“As the hot, dry weather sets in we may need to supplement the reservoir supply with water from our Lancefield bores,” Mr Wilkinson says.

“If we do, water from the bores is expected to only make up about 30 per cent of the supply, with the rest continuing to come from the reservoir.

“That way we can use available reservoir water and conserve our groundwater resources for as long as possible, while maintaining a consistent water supply for the town.”

Last summer drought conditions led to Lancefield receiving 100 per cent bore water, which is often harder than surface water, but more reliable during periods of drought.

“Having both bore water and reservoir water for Lancefield means the town has a more secure water supply, but it does result in variations in the taste and smell of water, as the blend of different waters is varied according to supply levels,” Mr Wilkinson says.

He says the bores have not been used since the end of last summer, which has allowed the aquifers to recover.

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About Western Water

Western Water is one of Victoria’s 13 regional urban water corporations. We provide water, recycled water and sewerage services to over 53,000 properties and 134,810 people in an area of 3,000 square kilometres. Our region extends from Lancefield in the north to Melton and Rockbank in the south and from Myrning in the west to Bulla in the east. We incorporate parts of Hume City Council and Melton, Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils.

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