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Progress on return to Rosslynne water

Gisborne's transition from the Melbourne water supply to local water is heading towards completion, as water levels in Rosslynne Reservoir reach a 10-year high.

Rosslynne is now more than 70 per cent full, after a wet start to Spring, and the reservoir's water filtration plant is ramping up production, according to Western Water.

"Since we announced a return to Rosslynne water earlier this year, we have been gradually adding it to the water we receive from Melbourne, as we fine-tune our processes," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

"Now we are increasing the proportion of Rosslynne water, and we expect the Macedon Ranges to be receiving 100 per cent Rosslynne water by the end of the year," he says.

"This is good news for the region, as not pumping water from Melbourne will mean using less electricity and fewer greenhouse gas emissions. It also means greater water security and self-sufficiency."

Rosslynne had dropped as low as 2.5 per cent of capacity during the drought, but water levels have risen by more than 16m since 2009.

Even if drought conditions were to return, there is now enough water in Rosslynne to last the region five years.

The recommissioning of the water filtration plant has included construction of a new \$4.2 million, 10 million litre water tank and a "filter to reservoir" pipeline, allowing water to be recirculated through the reservoir.

"Customers may notice slight changes in the taste or colour of their tap water as we start using more water from Rosslynne," he says.

"But all drinking water we supply will still meet the strictest criteria for quality and safety."

Rosslynne has a capacity of 25,400 million litres, and will supply about 3.8 million litres of water a day to the region.

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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