

STANDPIPE LOCATION AND REGULATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO USERS

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Outdoor Amenities

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines regarding the facilitation, monitoring and management of water standpipes in order to:

1. Introduce a fair and equitable system for measuring and charging standpipe water use, thereby encouraging better water management practices in the Shire of Plantagenet.
2. Provide guidance and service to customers who wish to use water from Shire standpipes.
3. Monitor and review water consumption patterns and assist in the planning of water supply infrastructure.
4. Achieve full cost recovery including:
 - a) The actual cost of water used for Council purposes and fire fighting and other volunteer brigade activities; and
 - b) With the implementation of a 10% loading on standpipe charges, future costs of maintenance and upgrades, such funds being placed in a Standpipe Reserve Account.
5. Eliminate water theft.

POLICY

1. Scope

This policy applies to water standpipes provided by the Shire of Plantagenet for public use in the following locations:

- a) Kendenup – corner of Jutland Road and Carbarup Road;
- b) Narrikup – corner of Hannan Way and Beech Road;
- c) Mount Barker – Marmion Street; and
- d) Mount Barker – Warburton Road.

2. Legislation

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.1 ‘Imposition of fees and charges’

3. Application of Policy

- 3.1 Standpipe controllers are installed on all standpipes, which ensures water can only be taken by approved customers using a swipe card.
- 3.2 Pricing per kilolitre is to be set annually and included in the Council’s fees and charges. Pricing shall be fixed for the full financial year and is to be reviewed annually.
- 3.3 Fire/Emergency Services have access to standpipes free of charge for the provision of emergency services only.
- 3.4 Standpipe stations are to be left in a tidy condition after use.

- 3.5 The Council encourages all unit failures and leaking outlets to be reported to the Shire of Plantagenet as soon as possible.
- 3.6 The Council reserves the right to deny access to the standpipes if a user is found to have caused damage to, or tampered with a standpipe.
- 3.7 Accounts for electronic standpipe cards are to be paid within 30 days. The Council reserves the right to cancel a card if the account is not paid.

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