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Residents reminded to be water wise while temperatures are high

Gladstone Regional Council is reminding residents to be water wise while high temperatures persist across the Region.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) is forecasting that maximum temperatures will remain above 30C until at least Thursday, 12 December.

Temperatures are forecast to reach the high 30s in some parts of the Gladstone Region.

Council has recently identified a spike in water usage across all reservoirs in the Region, particularly during the hours of 4pm-10pm.

Because of this, Council is asking residents to be mindful of their water usage and to avoid unnecessary consumption.

Residents are encouraged to consider the ways they use water during the drought period and to avoid high-consumption activities such as washing cars, refilling pools, using sprinklers or hosing between 4pm-10pm until temperatures reduce.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett is encouraging residents to consider ways they can make a difference to their water consumption habits.

“There is plenty of small and effective steps people can take to reduce individual water usage,” Councillor Burnett said.

“This includes limiting showers to four minutes, only turning the dishwasher and washing machine on when you have a full load and checking your property for any potential water leaks.

“Other steps such as not letting the tap run while preparing food or brushing your teeth can also help in reducing water usage.

“Gladstone Regional Council’s website has plenty of information on how you can make a difference by being water wise.

“You can also collect a Water Wise kit with a four-minute shower timer at Council offices.”

Gladstone Regional Council is encouraging its employees to be water wise during this time.

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The Gladstone Region was drought declared on 1 May 2019 by the Queensland Government.

“I also would like to remind people about the Gladstone Region Drought Appeal which has been set up to assist our local Primary Producers,” Cr Burnett said.

“We launched this appeal last week in partnership with the Salvation Army and it will be active throughout December and January.

“Donations are encouraged at upcoming community events including the Santos GLNG Mayor’s Carols presented by 4CC, New Year’s Eve and Australia Day events.

“Council also recently announced that proceeds from ticket sales at the Super Rugby pre-season match to be played at Marley Brown Oval on 17 January between the Queensland Reds and Melbourne Rebels will be donated to the Gladstone Region Drought Appeal.”

Please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/water-wise for more information on water wise tips.

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