

Media Release

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Kirkwood Reservoir set to come online

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) will begin flushing water mains this week in order to bring the Kirkwood Reservoir online and provide water for the suburbs of New Auckland and Kirkwood.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the first stage of making the reservoir operational involved the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) testing the new pump station.

Residents at properties in Huntington Court and Parksville Drive may notice increased water flow in the drainage channel, particularly between Kirkwood Road and Parksville Drive, during this period. Councillor Burnett said there should be no concern about any water when it appears in the drainage channel after the flushing begins.

“The increased water flow will not exceed normal stormwater flows that the channel is designed for,” Cr Burnett said.

Council does not anticipate any water interruption for residents while these processes are underway.

Cr Burnett said residents in the suburbs of Clinton, New Auckland and Kirkwood may notice minor water pressure fluctuations caused by changes in the water network, but this would stabilise once Kirkwood Reservoir was brought online the week commencing 11 April 2022.

“People may also notice the water has a different taste or is cloudy or discoloured.

“Again, these changes will be caused by modifications to the network, but water quality will not be affected,” he said.

Residents are advised to run their taps for a little longer to flush the water in the pipe and to remove any trapped air out of the system.

If you have any concerns about your water, please contact GRC on (07) 4970 0700 or email info@gladstone.qld.gov.au

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