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Council commences water mains scouring program

Contractors for Council, Clearflow Australia, have commenced a four week water mains scouring program in Taragala and West Cowra, aimed at cleaning out the mains and ultimately reducing discoloured water.

General Manager, James Roncon said he expects the scouring program to reduce the incidence of discoloured water in these areas.

“Taragala and West Cowra traditionally experience issues with discoloured water, which is why the scouring program is centred in this location. We expect that the program will reduce the discoloured water problem, as it involves removing the solids that cause discolouration in times of heavy flow,” Mr Roncon explained.

The scouring process involves isolating sections of water main and injecting high pressure air into the system before flushing the air / water mixture out of a selected hydrant.

David Elderfield, an expert from Clearflow Australia, undertakes such programs across the country and says that Cowra’s water issues are not unique.

“The problems here are not as bad as we had anticipated and are certainly no worse than those experienced by the majority of towns we have worked in. The water issues being experienced in Cowra are definitely not unique,” Mr Elderfield said.

Mr Roncon commented that it is encouraging to see Cowra is not the only town dealing with these issues and said that Council will continue to work towards a solution.

“We have always known that Cowra’s water issues are not unique, but it is encouraging to hear this confirmed by an expert. Council is pleased with the progress being made through the scouring program and while this won’t completely resolve the issue, it is part of our long term program to ultimately eliminate discoloured water,” he said.

During the four week program, residences may experience periods of up to 2 hours without water, however in some cases this time may be longer due to unforeseen

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circumstances. Council will continue to notify affected residents (through a letterbox drop) when work will be conducted in their area.

Residents may experience some water discolouration when supply is restored and are encouraged to run their taps and clear the water before use. Council appreciates residents' patience and cooperation while this important program is carried out. For further information, please contact the Cowra Operations Department on (02) 6340 2070.

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