



L-R: Carol Willersdorf, Lynette Moar, Kelvin Moar and Jemma Hill enjoying Kaniva's drinking water at The Windmill Cafe in Kaniva.

Drinking water is here for Kaniva

There's something worth raising a glass to in Kaniva.

After years of planning and construction, residents and visitors now have access to a safe, reliable drinking water supply — straight from the tap.

It's a big step forward for the community, and one that will make everyday life simpler, healthier and more connected.

For many Kaniva locals, this change means no longer relying on rainwater tanks or packaged water for drinking and food preparation.

Instead, clean, treated drinking water is now available straight from the tap in homes and businesses across Kaniva.

The new water supply meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and provides a reliable source of high-quality drinking water for the community.

GWMWater Managing Director Mark Williams said the project is a milestone for Kaniva.

"This is a big step forward for the community," Mr Williams said.

The town's existing groundwater supply will be used for green spaces in the town.

To learn more about our other drinking water projects, visit gwmwater.org.au/projects

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Quambatook's weir pool on the Avoca River has been given a fresh lease on life, with upgraded recreational facilities officially opened for the community to enjoy at a recent community celebration.

Behind the scenes, we have worked with Gannawarra Shire Council to help make it happen — connecting the site to the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline via Supply System 5 to deliver a reliable water supply.

Having a steady water supply will help keep the area looking great and usable throughout the year.



Council, project partners and locals celebrate the official opening of upgraded recreational facilities at Quambatook Weir Pool.

The official opening brought together council, project partners and locals to celebrate the upgrade.

The upgraded weir pool is now ready to be enjoyed for years to come.

Did you know? Wastewater is different to stormwater



Wastewater

Wastewater is used water from inside your home, including:

- Toilets
- Showers and baths
- Sinks and washing machines

This water flows through the sewerage network to a treatment plant, where it's cleaned before being safely released.

Stormwater

Stormwater is rainwater that falls on:

- Roofs
- Driveways
- Paths
- Lawns and gardens

Stormwater should flow into the stormwater system, which carries it directly into creeks and rivers without treatment.

Understanding the difference helps protect your home, your community and our waterways.

Check your property is set up correctly:
gwmwater.org.au/stormwater

We're here to help you



Having trouble paying your water bill?

Our team can help with flexible payment options and advice.

Let's work together to make things easier for you. Call **1300 659 961**.



Cleaner water gives Mallee farmers a confidence boost

Cleaner, more reliable water is giving Mallee farmer Deane Munro greater confidence as GWMWater expands its Clean Water Project.

Farming near Ouyen, Mr Munro relies on pipeline water during peak spraying periods.

Improved water treatment in the Ouyen district as part of the Clean Water Project (Pilot) is already reducing blockages and disruptions.

"Our water quality has been noticeably better," he said.

"Our meters and filters aren't getting blocked anywhere near as much."

With more consistent water quality, Mr Munro says farm planning feels more certain.

Following on from the successful pilot, the project is currently being expanded. This next stage will improve water quality for rural customers supplied by the Nyah, Piangil and Waranga Channel systems.

Read more:

gwmwater.org.au/cleanwater



Deane Munro at his farm near Ouyen, Victoria.

Staff profile

Meet Naman Purohit

Behind the scenes of every reliable service GWMWater delivers, there's careful planning — and that's where Naman Purohit thrives.

As Program Lead Asset Management, Naman is focused on making sure the right work happens at the right time. He helps prioritise asset renewals and improvements that keep services running smoothly for our communities.

For Naman, it's not just about building assets — it's about making sure they perform over their entire lifecycle.



Naman, GWMWater's Program Lead Asset Management, has enjoyed seeing the direct impact of his work in the region.

That mix of engineering, strategy and decision-making is what drew him to the field.

Since joining GWMWater, Naman has enjoyed seeing the direct impact of his work in a regional setting.

"You can really see how what we do makes a difference," he says.

Outside of work, you'll find Naman spending time with his family and exploring new places.

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What's on



Supporting local sport

Are you a school or community sporting club looking for sports equipment bags?

Email our team at allcomms@gwmwater.org.au with your details and how many bags you need*, and we'll work with you to support your students and community. *Limited stock available.

Photo: *Amelia and Matilda from Beulah Primary School with their free GWMWater sports equipment bags.*

Ozwater'26

We were proud to feature our regional sustainability and digital innovations at Ozwater'26, Australia's premier water conference held in Brisbane.

The event provided a valuable platform to demonstrate how we're advancing smarter, more sustainable water solutions.

Learn more about Ozwater here: ozwater.org

26/27 tariffs

We're committed to keeping water services affordable, reliable and secure.

We've worked hard to keep our prices stable with most adjustments limited to CPI increases.

Our water and wastewater charges are regulated by the Essential Services Commission and align to the 2023-2028 Water Price Review.

View the full list of tariffs at gwmwater.org.au/charges



National Water Week

The 2026 National Water Week poster competition is now open for students from early learning to Year 8, with the theme 'Water Heroes: Make Every Drop Count'.

Visit nationalwaterweek.com.au/gwm-water for details or to enter.