



Shire of Dumbleyung Secures \$100K State Government Community Water Grant

Minister for Water Dave Kelly yesterday announced that the Shire of Dumbleyung had been successful in securing \$100K grant funding towards the Dumbleyung Desalination Trial Project. Copy of Media Statement follows [https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/10/Shire-of-Dumbleyung-to-receive-\\$100,000-community-water-grant-.aspx](https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/10/Shire-of-Dumbleyung-to-receive-$100,000-community-water-grant-.aspx)

The funding commitment is part of the State Government \$3.2M Community Water Supplies Partnerships Program that supports projects to improve local water supply security in regional communities.

The Shire of Dumbleyung had previously been successful in being selected as one of only four trial sites in Western Australia to establish and test desalination systems in specific community settings, as part of another State Government WaterSmart Farms program. The two year trial will be delivered in partnership between the Shire of Dumbleyung, the Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development, Murdoch University and Water Corporation.

Shire President Julie Ramm said "This is a fantastic outcome for the Shire of Dumbleyung. Our Shire has been significantly proactive in financing and securing grants for a number of water capture and storage projects over the last few years. This project adds to this extensive support list.

Water availability and supply in regional and rural areas such as our Shire of Dumbleyung play a vitally important role for our farmers and broader community. All these projects are aimed to shore up, capture and retain as much of this precious commodity as possible.

One of main goals of the desalination trial is to test whether the Dumbleyung townsite subsurface water levels can be reduced. The current high water table has been a significant contributor to deteriorating community infrastructure, in particular areas in and around the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool.

If the trial proves successful, the Shire of Dumbleyung will seek to retain the desalination plant as a continuing operation".

Shire CEO Gavin Treasure said "The Shire will utilise these funds to procure essential desalination project support materials including new storage tanks, pumps, pipes and a swipe-card system.

As a condition of securing this grant, the Shire of Dumbleyung will also be contributing \$47,425 towards the total cost of this project".

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