



Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Report

Richmond Shire Council

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1 Introduction

This is the annual Drinking Water Quality Management Plan report for Richmond Shire Council for the 2019-20 financial year. RSC is a registered service provider with identification (SPID) 111 and operates under an approved DWQMP to ensure consistent and safe supply of quality potable water to protect public health.

The report documents the performance of Richmond Shire Council's Water Treatment Plants drinking water service with respect to;

- Water quality summary
- DWQMP review findings
- Progress implementing the actions and improvements identified in the Risk Management Improvement plan detailed in the DWQMP as required under the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (the Act).

The report is submitted to the Regulator to fulfil our regulatory requirement and is made available to customers.

2 Summary of scheme/s operated

Table 1 – Summary of schemes

	<i>Water Source</i>	<i>Treatment processes</i>	<i>Treatment capacity</i>	<i>Towns supplied</i>
Richmond	Great Artesian Basin	Oxidation (chlorine and aeration), coagulation/flocculation, filtration & chlorination.	6.5ML/D (WTP), 3ML/d (bores)	Richmond

3 DWQMP implementation

The actions undertaken to implement the DWQMP are summarised below.

During the 2019-20 financial year Richmond Shire Council completed a review and amendment of the DWQMP and its implementation as required under the regulations. The review was completed in 2018-19 and the amended plan submitted for approval in August 2019. The amended plan was reviewed by DNRME and some further detail was requested regarding Cyber Security management among other minor additions as requested by DNRME and a revision submitted in May 2020.

RSC has continued to action a number of 'opportunities for improvement' suggested in previous financial years external Audit, as well as progressing a number of improvement items identified in the Risk Management Improvement Plan (RMIP);

- Development of SWIM Local Data Base for water quality data storage and reporting including operational and verification monitoring data, tasks scheduling and reporting.
- Operations procedures
- Installation of third bore (Bore #8) to provide security of supply to WTP
- Issued contract for integration of new bore into WTP and associated SCADA control code and software upgrade (Due for completion December 2020).

The progress linked to "high priority" actions undertaken to implement the risk management improvement program are discussed in Table 2.

Table 2 – Risk management improvement program implementation status

Refer Appendix A.

4 Verification monitoring - water quality information and summary

This section discusses the compliance with the water quality criteria. The Verification monitoring program was implemented in October 2018, including both internal and external verification analysis. Due to floods in February 2019, the verification monitoring program scheduled sampling was missed due to the inability to transport samples to the laboratory.

Richmond Shire Council has undertaken analysis in accordance with the DWQMP verification monitoring program detailed in the DWQMP. RSC Undertakes weekly internal analysis for Ecoli and coliforms and on a monthly basis sends these samples to an external NATA accredited laboratory for verification. The NATA laboratory also undertakes a range of chemical analysis on a monthly, quarterly and six monthly basis. This includes analysis of the raw water sources (not included in verification) to re-establish a level in confidence as to the quality of raw water and any risks that may be presented due to natural change in the source supply.

During the COVID 19 pandemic council had issues with reliability of freight to the laboratory where in March and June 2020 collected samples were not delivered to the laboratory within the required time period by the freight company, some samples taking up to 9 days to arrive at the laboratory. These samples were therefore not analysed by the laboratory.

Table 3 – Drinking water quality performance - verification monitoring

Scheme name	Parameter	No. of samples required to be collected (as per the approved DWQMP)	No. of samples actually collected and tested	Water quality criteria (i.e ADWG health guideline value)	No. of non compliant samples	Comments
Richmond	Ecoli	12 (external) + 104 (Internal)	10 (external), 104 (internal)	Not detected	0	100% compliant
	Chemical Parameters	12 x External (varying parameters)	10 (began October, missed in February)	Various	0	100% compliant

Table 4. E. coli compliance with annual value

Drinking water scheme: Richmond

Year	2019 – 2020											
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
No. of samples collected (internal & External)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4*	5	5	4*
No. of samples collected in which E. coli is detected (i.e. a failure)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of samples collected in previous 12 month period	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110
No. of failures for previous 12 month period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of samples that comply	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Compliance with 98% annual value	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Freight services to laboratory did not get samples to the lab within the required period taking 5 to 9 days to be delivered so external samples in these months were missed, internal monitoring continued.

5 Incidents reported to the regulator

No water quality incidents were reported to the regulator in 2019-20. A notification to the regulator was issued in May 2020 due to freight services being disrupted from Richmond to the laboratory as per the below detail.

Table 6 – Incidents reported to the regulator

Incident date	Scheme / location	Parameter / issue	Preventive actions
7-5-2020	Richmond	Freight services disrupted due to COVID 19 pandemic led to external verification water quality samples not reaching the laboratory within the required holding time for analysis in May and June.	Continued internal Ecoli monitoring as per the monitoring program.

7 DWQMP review outcomes

Richmond Shire Council undertook a review of the DWQMP and submitted an amended plan in August 2019 which was updated following feedback from DNRME in April 2020.

- Update system schematics – simplify and identify control points
- Simplify system descriptions (all) – consider table format.
 - Update population – demand details
 - Update reticulation details with new main replacements
- Simplify Information gathering – dot point
 - Update to include SWIM Local data base data entry and alerts.
- Water Quality Data analysis and Interpretation
 - Update data – Chlorine – turbidity – Iron - Manganese
 - Include last years external data and compare to internal records
- Catchment Characteristics
 - Update E.coli – coliform data to include 18-19 data
 - Simplify catchment description
- Operations and Maintenance
 - Simplify text to focus on risk-based operation/controls – remove bulk of descriptive text and develop and refer to “operation manual” as a separate document
- Update with recent mains replacements – upgrades and any new mains
- Hazard Identification and management
 - Update risk review workshop attendees and schedule following workshops
 - Remove from document and Attach as appendix
 - Detail cyber security risks/controls and include in Risk Assessment tables
 - Summarise risk profile – with and without controls detailing low-medium-high and very high risks as a percentage of the risk profile.
 - Develop control point tables identifying target, medium alert and high alert levels and associated actions and reporting requirements for key WQ parameters.
- Risk Management Improvement Program
 - Update to detail status of RMIP actions – complete - % progress – Not started
 - Include RMIP actions as raised in September Audit – Including progress.
 - Review risk assessment matrix and risk scores to reflect completed actions
 - Update to include any actions identified/recommended in September 2018 Audit
- Appendix A: Risk Tables and RMIP – Update following risk review workshop

8 DWQMP audit findings

No Audit was conducted in the 2019-202 reporting year.

9 Appendix 1 – Updated RMIP Table

IP Action NoA1:L5	Risk Number, DWQMP section, or OFI/NC from audits	Hazardous Event	Residual Risk	Priority (Low, Med or High)	Action Description	Initial Date	Target Date	Estimate Costs	Responsibility	% complete (Aug 2019)	Actions completed (Aug 2019)
IP3	B2 B3 B4 BC1 BC2 BC3 BC4 W6 W5 T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 T9 T10 T11 T12 T13 T14 T15	Human error resulting in WQ failure/WTP processes failures	Very High	High	Develop WTP & Bore operating procedures (inspection, preventative maintenance, record keeping). Develop a standardised Council format for procedure development.	11.10.2017	Jun-21	\$20K	DoW/ Water Officer	40%	RSC WTP has a Operational Manual. The inspection of WTP and Bores are included in the Operational Task list. Bore maintenance has not progressed due to DNRME not responding to the request for ongoing preventative maintenance of Bore sites. The Bore 6 cooling system has been decommissioned. A procedure is in development.
IP4	W6	Insufficient resources dedicated to WTP operations leading to process failures	Very High	High	Council to review the water rates and budget allocation for future water operations.	11.10.2017	Jun-20		DoW/ Water Officer	10%	RSC have a number of job vacancies and are currently reviewing PD's and resourcing.
IP5	T8 T16	Power outages leading to loss of WTP control	High	Low	Review the alarms and PLC set points that occur during 'brown outs' and/or power outages. Include generator maintenance and auto start up.	11.10.2017	Jun-21		DoW/ Water Officer	60%	Procedure and check sheet included in WTP Operational Task Sheet. Needs implementation.
IP6	T11 T12 T13 T14 T15 OFI	Process equipment failures resulting in off spec water supplied	High	Med	Develop a cyclic maintenance program for filters, pressure sensors, pumps /pumps sets, including internal and external resource requirements. Calibration records to be maintained of online instrumentation.	11.10.2017	Jun-20	TBD	DoW/ Water Officer	60%	Plant equipment checks included in Operational Task list. Filter inspection requirement added to annual maintenance schedule check sheet and included in WTP Operational Task Sheet. External contractor support is required to assist with activity.
IP8	W2 W6 OFI	Human error resulting in WQ failure/WTP processes failures	Very High	High	Review operator resource requirements (after appropriate procedures), training requirements and position descriptions. Council to participate in industry events/conferences and training programs to ensure up to date with current practises.	11.10.2017	Jun-21		DoW/ Water Officer	10%	Three staff positions are vacant and position descriptions currently under review. Operational procedures are under development.
IP9	BC1 BC2 BC3 BC4 D5 OFI	Human error resulting in WQ failure and or WTP processes failures	Mod	Med	Review drawings and update to reflect valve arrangements at Bore 6 and cooling system.	11.10.2017	Jun-21		DoW/ Water Officer	95%	Cooling system has been isolated due to defects. Drawings of Valve arrangement prepared. Permanent isolation is yet to be actioned
IP10	T9 OFI	Incorrect concentration or type of chemical delivered to site.	High	Med	Investigate & develop procedure and equipment for validating the chemical quality of supplied goods (e.g.. hydrometer).	11.10.2017	Dec-20	\$2K	DoW/ Contractor/ Water Officer	10%	Delivery dates recorded on IBC by operational staff. Council to source a quality batch certificate from the chemical supplier where available.
IP12	W4 T10 T12 OFI	Non compliant water produced and inaccurate internal testing	High	High	Develop online and portable instrument procedures including calibration and maintenance schedules (internal & or external contractors)	11.10.2017	Jun-20	\$5K	DoW/ Contractor/ Water Officer	20%	Contractor training provided (Aug2019) to Ops staff on calibration and instrument care. Manufactures instrument and calibration procedures available on site. Calibration record sheet has been developed and needs implementation.
IP13	D2 D3 D4 D6 D8	Mains breaks or unsanitary repairs leading to WQ issues including cross contamination of main repair equipment e.g. Sewer/Water	High	Med	Develop distribution operating procedures (for mains breaks, new mains installation/commissioning, etc.) Investigate the use of portable instrument to verify disinfection levels after a main repair.	11.10.2017	Jun-21	\$5K	DoW/ Contractor/ Water Officer	30%	Main break repair draft procedure has been developed and requires field testing and finalisation. Field WQ monitoring equipment has been purchased for field testings.

IP14	D1 D7	Pathogens & WQ contamination due to backflow from customer connections and/or local industry	High	Low	Investigate the need for installation and maintenance of back flow prevention devices for services to customers and industry. Engage contractor to review number of high risk sites and prioritise the installation of back flow devices (where required) and include a budget estimate.	11.10.2017	Jun-21	TBD	DoW/ Water Officer	50%	Back flow maintenance program has been developed and requires implementation. RSC register is in development. Annual BFP Service Contract to be developed.
IP15	R5	Low chlorine levels in Reservoir	High	Low	Develop Reservoir Hypo 'top up' dosing procedure for various water levels.	11.10.2017	Dec-20	\$1K	DoW/ Water Officer	50%	Inspection procedure and check list drafted and requires implementation. WTP outlet chlorine levels alarmed
IP16	R1 R2 R3 R4 R6	Malicious contamination/ Storm Damage / Ingress of faecal material/ disturbance of sediments on Reservoirs	Mod	Low	Develop Reservoir Inspection check list and formalise appropriate record keeping. Include a reservoir cyclic maintenance program where required.	11.10.2017	Dec-20	\$2K	DoW/ Water Officer	50%	Inspection procedure and check list drafted and requires implementation
IP17	D2 D3	Mains breaks or unsanitary repairs leading to WQ issues.	High	Med	To investigate the purchase and supply of WQ instrumentation for recording WQ data following mains repair.	11.10.2017	Dec-20	\$12K	DoW/ Water Officer	60%	RSC have an industry example for a Mains Repair procedure and have been shown how to access WIOA online training video. Portable instrumentation exists.
IP18	D5 D3 D6	Dead ends in reticulation leading to stagnation of water	Mod	Low	Routine flushing sites and seasonal program to be formalised	11.10.2017	Dec-20	NA	DoW/ Water Officer	10%	Flushing program has ceased due to staffing restrictions. A program has not been prepared. Dead ends (racecourse and Hospital) have been included in verification monitoring program.
IP20	W1	Loss of trained operators	Very High	Med	Develop internal staff skills and identify/document job requirements . Review and update Position Descriptions to reflect requirements. Include succession training/planning and involvement in industry training and information days.	11.10.2017	Dec-20	TBD (Subject to training needs and availability)	DoW/ Water Officer	10%	Residual Risk increased from Low to High. At the time of review RSC have a number of job vacancies. The risk was increased to High. PD under review but RSC struggle to fill vacant positions.
IP21	W3 W7 OFI	Lack of emergency response procedures	High	Low	Council to prepare an incident and response management plan to address water quality events in the supply. Council to run a WQ event mock exercise to test IERP procedures.	11.10.2017	Jan-21	\$5K	DoW/ Water Officer	0%	RSC are yet to prepare a IERP.
IP22	OFI	Lack of document control and management leading to loss of procedures, records and evidence of compliance with the DWQMP	Mod	High	Council to formalise document storage folder structure and location for all DWQMP related documents and records. Council to implement an assets register.	11.10.2017	Dec-19	\$5K	DoW/ Works Admin Officer	10%	RSC have industry examples of document storage structure and are yet to allocate document storage numbers to prepared procedures and records.
IP23	W13 OFI	Materials used in water supply system are not approved for drinking water	High	Low	Council to ensure that stores staff understand and implement the requirement that goods used in the water supply comply with Australian Standards and are WaterMark approved.	6/08/2019	Jun-21		DoW / Stores Manager	0%	New action
IP24	W10, OFI	Cyber security risk to WTP control and RSC record keeping	Mod	Med	RSC to review local government and industry examples and determine implementing required control measures. SCADA reviews are to be conducted with appropriate configuration set point reports to be compiled.	6/08/2019	Jun-20		DoW	0%	New action
IP25	W11, OFI	Lack of control software and back up of WTP control logic (the code)	High	Med	RSC to engage with contractor to ensure that the backup systems are maintained and available where required. Contractor RSC to determine if a local backup on the council network is possible.	6/08/2019	Jun-20		DoW & Contractor	50%	Contract awarded for upgrade of SCADA - software and control code.
IP26	W12, OFI	Out of date software and virus security systems in use	High	Med	RSC to ensure that CITECT /SCADA software is updated with latest security patches (6 monthly). The CITECT and SCADA are to be kept up to date with latest versions.	6/08/2019	Dec-20		DoW	0%	New action
IP27	Major, OFI	Verification monitoring and water quality and testing and results are not responded to.	High	High	A task scheduling database is in use by council to ensure that sampling and viewing results is completed (- SWIMLocal). Operational Task Lists identify staff responsibilities.	6/08/2019	Jun-21		DOW / Water Officer	75%	SWIMLocal database has been developed to record water quality tests, (100% complete) The task scheduling in the SWIM local has been populated for key task (collection treatment & distribution) and requires council to trial and further implement. User manual has been developed.

IP28	B11, T17, D9	Presence of thermotollerant pathogens Naeglaria Legoinella	Mod	Low	Investigate feasibility, requirements and cost and consider Routine quarterly or six monthly monitoring for naeglaria and legoinella.	2/04/2020	Jun-21		DOW / Water Officer		NEW
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