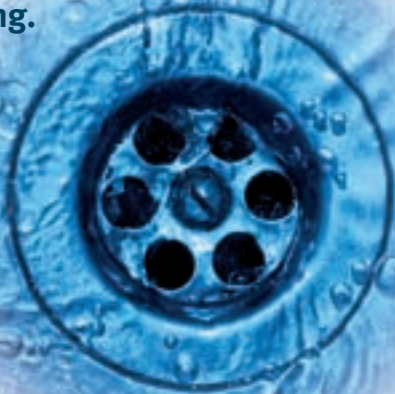


You can save 18 litres per day by showering for two minutes less and it costs you nothing.



WATER

Summer restrictions bring some relief

The start of Albury's summer water restrictions means residents can now water their gardens for two hours twice a week.

AlburyCity's decision to modify Stage 4 restrictions to a 3A model follows the purchasing of 400 megalitres of water on the open market. This should give the city enough additional water for limited outside watering until the end of February 2008.

AlburyCity General Manager Les Tomich said this is a strategic response to help residents protect their assets over the critical summer period.

However, Mr Tomich stressed that this is only a temporary reprieve and if there is no improvement in the water situation, the city may be forced to return to Stage 4 or an even higher level of restriction in the new year.

"Not only is the city facing the effects of the prolonged drought, our water allocation for 07/08 has been halved to 6,464 megalitres of water," Mr Tomich said.

"We are all struggling to come to terms with the water situation and the impact this is having on our lifestyle, but I can't stress strongly enough that praying for rain is no longer an option."

"We must change the way we use water in and around our homes, and I appeal to all residents to set themselves the challenge of reducing their daily consumption by at least 30 litres per person, which equates to three standard buckets of water."

AlburyCity has a range of fact sheets to assist residents in saving water. These can be downloaded from the Council website www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au

New children's garden



Saving water in the home



What's on... Ngan Girra Festival



AIRPORT

New service to launch Feb 08

Virgin Blue will soon be winging its way to Albury after it was announced the airline will begin flights to the city from early next year. It follows months of validation visits, discussions and negotiations and represents a new era of opportunity for the city and its people.

Virgin Blue has recently taken delivery of the first of 20 brand new EMBRAER E-Jets. The executive style aircraft will offer a modern, efficient and sleek jet aircraft alternative to the community, with the E-170s taking up to 78 guests and 104 seats in the E-190.

The airline announced Albury as its first new port from a shortlist of more than

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Stuart Baker

It's just on six weeks since I was elected Mayor of this great city and I am still finding my feet. I have been looking forward to writing this message for Accent as it's a great way for me to communicate with you.


I have lived in Albury almost all my life and have been a councillor for the past eight years.

I am very much looking forward to leading the city over the next year and have no doubt that it will be an exciting yet challenging time.

Albury has been on a high over the past few years, with significant public and private sector investment boosting our economy and creating an air of confidence. However, I am seriously concerned about the water crisis and its impact on our beautiful city.

I welcome the modifying of Stage 4 restrictions to allow some watering of gardens, but I appeal to you and your families to continue to use water wisely in and around your home.

I know each Councillor wants only the best outcomes for Albury, and with clear direction and vision, I trust we will make considered and good decisions for our city.

AlburyCity is working hard to create an environment where people will want to live, visit and invest. 

WATER

Meeting the challenge

One of the greatest challenges for AlburyCity has been to find ways to protect important community assets without breaching water restrictions.

Here's what we've done:

- We use bore water to maintain our beautiful Botanic Gardens.
- We've installed new backwash systems at the Albury and Lavington Swim Centres, reducing water loss through the cleaning process by up to 90%.
- We've implemented a warm season grass program with 17.7 hectares of sportsgrounds now planted with couch and Kikuyu grass.
- We've reduced planting annuals in the city's garden beds and now select drought tolerant species for new gardens.
- We've applied for grant funding for pool covers for our swim centres.
- We've assisted several local pre-school and childcare facilities with applications for grant funding for the installation of rainwater tanks.



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20 other destinations around Australia.

AlburyCity Mayor Stuart Baker said he was thrilled with the news that Virgin Blue was coming to Albury and the additional choice this offers to local air travellers.

General Manager Les Tomich said the airport will undergo a

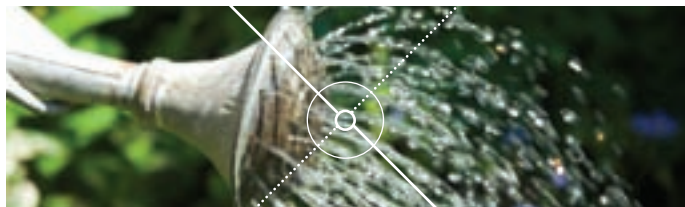
significant upgrade over the next few months to accommodate the arrival of Virgin Blue and existing carriers.

"This is yet another example of the city's emergence as a leading regional destination offering capital city facilities and an increasing range of services to its citizens," Mr Tomich said. 

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SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS
From 1 November to 29 February



GREY WATER ONLY (see story opposite)
For watering residential lawns



WHAT COUNCIL IS DOING
Increased planting of drought tolerant plants



WATER RESTRICTIONS

A guide to Albury's summer water restrictions

Here's how you can keep your gardens alive over summer. Remember you can only water between 7pm and 9pm on specified days and only by these means:

- A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or a watering can and/or bucket.
- A manual watering system (dripper only).
- An automatic watering system (dripper only) on specified days from midnight to 2am.
- There is no watering on Monday, Thursday or Friday.
- Residential lawns cannot be watered with town water at any time. However, residents can use an approved grey water system.

HOUSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Odd	Sunday (2 hours) and Wednesday (2 hours)	7pm to 9pm
Even	Saturday (2 hours) and Tuesday (2 hours)	7pm to 9pm
No number	Saturday (2 hours) and Tuesday (2 hours)	7pm to 9pm

SWIMMING POOLS & SPAS

You can top up swimming pools and spas using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle only on the designated watering days and during the specified times as outlined in the table above.

AlburyCity strongly encourages pool and spa owners to purchase and use a pool cover.

All other conditions of Stage 4 water restrictions remain in place. Full details of these can be found on the Council website. [A](#)

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This can be a great option for supplementing garden watering because it doesn't rely on drinking water; however, it does need to be managed carefully. Here are some do's and don'ts.

do's

- ✓ Only use wastewater from baths, showers, hand basins and washing machines (preferably the final rinse water).
- ✓ Only use grey water on the garden and rotate which areas you water.
- ✓ Only apply as much water as the soil can absorb.
- ✓ Wash your hands after watering with grey water.
- ✓ Stop using grey water during wet periods.
- ✓ Stop using grey water if odours are generated and plants do not appear to be healthy.

don'ts

- ✗ Don't water vegetable gardens if the crop is to be eaten fresh or uncooked.
- ✗ Don't use grey water that has faecal contamination, for example, wastewater used to launder nappies.
- ✗ Don't use kitchen wastewater (including dishwashers) due to the high concentration of food waste and chemicals that are not readily broken down by soil organisms.
- ✗ Don't store grey water for more than 24 hours – it can become toxic. [A](#)



Peards Nursery's George Benyon is taking a pro-active approach to the water crisis, stocking a range of low irrigation and drought tolerant plants as well as wetting agents and mulches.



PRE-SCHOOL + CHILDCARE

Applications placed for rainwater tanks



SAVE IN THE GARDEN

Albury's garden centres sell a wide range of plants that require very little watering



POSSUM SKIN CLOAK

LibraryMuseum's new addition



SAVING WATER IN THE

One fixed dripping tap litres of water a day

IN THE HOME

You can make a difference

On average, we each use around 200 litres of water a day, of which 5–10 litres is for basic survival like drinking and food preparation.

The other 190 litres is used for showering, washing clothes and dishes, flushing toilets and watering gardens. Here's how you can save water.

ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE COST	ESTIMATED SAVING
Shower for 2 minutes less	\$0	18 litres per day
Install a 3 star water efficient shower head	\$20–\$85	up to 45 litres per day
Place a bucket in the sink while waiting for hot water and install a tap aerator	\$6	9 litres per minute
Place a bucket in the shower while waiting for the hot water	\$1	9 litres per minute
Fix one dripping tap	\$1–\$5	5–50 litres per day
Fix one leaking toilet	\$5–\$20	5–100 litres per day
Install a 5,000 litre rainwater tank and connect to the toilet and garden	\$3,000–\$4,000	50+ litres per day



AlburyCity Councillor Alice Glachan and sons Fergus and Oscar are using grey water from the bath to help keep their garden alive.

BOTANIC GARDENS

Children's Garden

Tom, 4, thinks he will spend time searching for dinosaurs hiding in the bushes, while Tilly, 3, has decided the fairy temple will be her favourite place in the Children's Garden planned for the Albury Botanic Gardens.

The garden will be established in the current bowling green lawn area and will include the existing fern walk and giant bamboo plantation.

A wetlands or billabong area will encourage wildlife into the garden, and kids can crawl through the bower bird nests and be star-

struck by planets suspended on high arching wires between large palm trees.

The stunning concept designs are on display at the Botanic Gardens. **A**

Children's Garden Working Group members Lou Bull and Lou Newman, with Tilly, Alex and Tom, and AlburyCity's Paul Scannell.



IN THE HOME
can save up to 50



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MAYOR
Six weeks in and going strong



GREY WATER DON'TS...
Don't use grey water vegetables that are to be eaten fresh or uncooked



BIKE SURVEY WINNER
David Parker



The November Botanic Gardens Spring Festival is a popular event. Hosted by the Friends of the Gardens, with live music and afternoon tea on offer at the annual plant sale. This year, the festival program includes an Australian Citizenship Ceremony and Art Show and will highlight the planned Children's Garden. Bring the kids or some friends and enjoy the day from 1pm.

Events

- Nov 8–Jan 8
Gifts Art Gallery. See works donated to the AlburyCity permanent collection over the years.
- Nov 6 & 13
Family history workshops LibraryMuseum. Discover how to trace your family history.
- Nov 7
Arj Barker Performing Arts Centre. He's back! Arj Barker returns to Australia, armed with some new classics and some classic classics, for an evening of laughs.
- Nov 7
Paul Ham LibraryMuseum. Paul Ham, provides an insight into both Japanese and Australian experiences of the legendary Papuan jungle trail, Kokoda.
- Nov 9–Dec 16
Objects coming out LibraryMuseum. Peek at some of the treasures of the permanent collection that are normally hidden away in storage.
- Nov 10
Albury Community Wood-Fired Oven Bake Hovell Tree Park, 11am–4pm.
- Nov 11
Remembrance Day QEII Square, 11.45am. A commemorative service to remember the fallen.
- Nov 17
Ngan Girra Festival Mungabareena Reserve, Borella Rd, 11am–6pm. A celebration of our Indigenous community with food, entertainment and Aboriginal art.

- Nov 18
Spring Festival and Australian Citizenship Ceremony Botanic Gardens, 1pm–3.30pm.
- Nov 19
Mirambeena Activities Club Open Day Mirambeena, 11am–3.30pm. Discover the courses run by the Mirambeena Activities Club such as Tai Chi, photography, embroidery and leatherwork.
- Nov 24
Groovin' the Moo Albury Racecourse, midday–11pm. A day-long music festival featuring Grinspoon, Sneaky Sound System, Xavier Rudd and many more.
- Nov 25
Albury Community Wood-Fired Oven Bake Hovell Tree Park, 11am–4pm.
- Dec 4
David Strassman Albury Performing Arts Centre. A hilarious collection of misfits, including Strassman's lovable (and not so lovable) animated creatures.
- Dec 5–Jan 6
Ikona LibraryMusuem. A photographic exhibition depicting aspects of life in the Victorian Greek Community.
- Dec 5
Christmas story times Lavington Library, 11am.
- Dec 6
Christmas story times LibraryMuseum, 11am.
- Dec 6–30
Destination Australia Ports of Immigration LibraryMuseum.

- Examine the immigrant journey to Australia with a focus on ports of arrival.
- Dec 8
Albury Community Wood-Fired Oven Bake Hovell Tree Park, 11am–4pm.
- Dec 14–Jan 13
Albury TAFE Arts and Media Graduates Art Gallery. Always an exciting exhibition of new, colourful and surprising works.
- Dec 15
Mate Street traders' Christmas celebrations 9am–midday. Carolling, street trading and Christmas specials.
- Dec 15
North Albury Swim Centre Pool Party 4pm–8pm. With DJ and give-aways. Entry free.
- Dec 19
Carols by Candlelight QEII Square, 6.30–10pm. Celebrate Christmas at AlburyCity's 30th Carols by Candlelight.
- Nov 11
John Woodman Memorial Cycling Race Wagga to Albury. Finish 1.30pm. An exciting annual event for experienced cyclists ending at Lavington Hall. Marcus Dwyer 04 2106 8827.
- Dec 31
Harness racing Albury Showgrounds, Mate Street, from 6pm. Harness racing action and New Year's Eve family fun with spectacular fireworks.

Meetings

- Nov 12, Dec 3
AlburyCity Services & Infrastructure Committee, Council Chambers, 553 Kiewa Street, 6pm. All welcome.
- Nov 19, Dec 10
AlburyCity Strategy & Finance Committee, Council Chambers, 553 Kiewa Street, 6pm. All welcome.
- Nov 26, Dec 17
Council meeting, Council Chambers, 553 Kiewa Street, 6pm. All welcome.
- Dec 1
Councillor interviews Councillor meeting room, 553 Kiewa Street. Contact AlburyCity Executive Support on 6023 8755 to make an appointment.

Community

- Jan 5
Free rubbish day for Albury residents at Albury Landfill, 7.30am–5pm (domestic waste only).

Sport

This is a selection of the main features in and around the city over the next two months. For regular updates, check your local newspaper or alternatively go to our website

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Bike survey

One thing is clear from the AlburyCity Strategic Bicycle Plan Survey results – we are a city of bike enthusiasts. Road Safety Officer Kate Kohne said responses showed most people ride their bikes for recreation and exercise, with over 40% saying they ride at least once a week. Almost 1,500 responses were received from the survey in May's edition of Accent. Congratulations to David Parker, lucky winner of the \$200 voucher prize.



LibraryMuseum

Things haven't slowed since the LibraryMuseum opened in July. Visitor numbers are tracking at a staggering 25,000+ visitors a month. The new weekend hours are proving a hit, with an average of 400–500 people visiting on Sundays, and the wireless network is proving popular with students who bring their laptops and access the net from inside and outside the building.

Carols by Candlelight

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here! It's always a fun time in the city. Don't miss the main event – Carols by Candlelight – at QEII Square on Wednesday 19 December. In a bit of a Christmas makeover this year, 10-metre high Christmas trees will take centre stage at Lavington and QEII Square.

Traffic safety

AlburyCity received an award from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, Motor Accidents Authority, Institute of Public Works, Engineering Australia and the Local Government Shires Association for more than ten years of continuing commitment to the Local Government Road Safety Program. The program targets road safety behaviours to help reduce road trauma and addresses drink-driving, speeding, fatigue, seatbelts, and motorcycle, pedestrian and bicycle safety in the local community.

Zebra crossings

Griffith Road has two new zebra crossings – where motorists must give way to pedestrians. The upgrade is part of a plan to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in Lavington. Please take care in Griffith Road while drivers and pedestrians adjust to the changes.

Holiday for Cumberoona

With no change in sight to extremely low river levels, the paddle-steamer Cumberoona is destined for a holiday this season. The river cruise service has been suspended and the Cumberoona will go in to dry dock for maintenance and improvements while options for future use are explored.



Barkindji (Western NSW) Elder Arthur Melrose wears the possum skin cloak at the LibraryMuseum opening in July.

LIBRARYMUSEUM

Possum Skin Cloak

An exciting addition to AlburyCity's collection is two beautiful possum skin cloaks, on permanent loan by local Indigenous Elders.

The two cloaks, with their individual stories burnt into panels on the back of the pelt, were made as a project for the opening ceremony of the 2006 Commonwealth Games, where

they were paraded by local Indigenous members.

These cloaks were donated at the official opening of the LibraryMuseum on 27 July, one worn by Arthur Melrose.

One cloak is on temporary display in the showcase at the entrance and the other is on semi-permanent display in the Crossing Place exhibition.



SAVING WATER AT HOME

Efficient shower heads can save litres of water



REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11



WOOD-FIRED OVEN

November 25 community baking



NGAN GIRRA FESTIVAL

Celebrate our Indigenous community