

## INFORMATION FROM COUNCIL'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER & WASTEWATER

## **DEEPWATER WATER STANDPIPE**

Council has constructed a new standpipe adjacent to the reservoir in Gough Street, Deepwater. These works are funded by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme – Extension funding campaign.

The purpose of the standpipe is to allow rural properties to access safe drinking water particularly during times of drought. The system is the same as the one at the Glen Innes saleyards, and will save residents and water carting contractors significant amounts of travel time and therefore money.

Access to the system is by an electronic key which is able to be purchased at Council's town hall office. The water is metered and charged at the same rate that existing users pay, and bills are issued directly to the customer from an independent billing company (Avdata) who operate many of these systems on behalf of Councils.

Council will monitor usage through the billing arrangements to ensure that water security is not impacted. The system has been installed directly from the reservoir so that pressures within the reticulation system are not affected when trucks are filling. In the event that the current drought continues, further restrictions will be imposed to reduce the consumption of water. In the event that the Deepwater River supply runs out, water will be trucked from the Glen Innes supply which still has two years of water in storage.

If you have any questions in relation to water restrictions, please contact Council's Department of Infrastructure Services on telephone 02 6730 2371.