



Updates on the water interruption: Wednesday (25 October 2023)

The Sol Plaatje Municipality would like to update the residents about the afternoon water interruption scheduled for 13h00 to 16h00 starting this afternoon over and above the nightly interruption taking place as a result of low levels at the Newton Reservoir. The afternoon water interruption is carried out to avoid a total shutdown of the water supply to the resident.

The Municipality had made a major success in the previous week with the storage of water at Newton Reservoir after fixing the siphon, changing the flocculent (Chemical), and revitalising the filter media at Riverton Water Treatment Works which improved the levels reaching 14.0 feet (79%) of the biggest reservoir (102 megalitres) in Newton. The water levels for the last week are as:

DATE	Reservoir tank	Levels in the morning (04h00)
Thursday (19/10/23)	102 megalitre	10.00 feet
Friday (20/10/23)	102 megalitre	12.20 feet
Saturday (21/10/23)	102 megalitre	12.10 feet
Sunday (22/10/23)	102 megalitre	13.70 feet
Monday (23/10/23)	102 megalitre	14.20 feet
Tuesday (24/10/23)	102 megalitre	11.11 feet
Wednesday (25/10/23)	102 megalitre	9.40 feet

The sudden drop-in levels are a result of two filter pumps undergoing repairs leaving only one pump in operation at the old Riverton Water Treatment Works. The treatment works have six filter tanks that require at least two pumps to fully operate, however, with one pump in operation, only four filters can be filled. Repairs in one of the pumps will be completed in the afternoon of Wednesday (25 October) and all six (06) filter tanks will be in operation, adding more capacity of treated water.

Under normal operation, Riverton Water Treatment Works should be pumping at least 913 and 600 litres per second on the 900- and 600-millimetre diameter pipe respectively with three pressure booster pumps for at least 20 hours a day, however, due to repairs on the filter pumps only two pressure booster pump are in operation affecting the water pumping to Newton Reservoir.

The municipality is working tirelessly to provide uninterrupted and reliable water to the residents of Sol Plaatje and your patience and understanding is highly appreciated.

For this to happen without glitches, the municipality appeals to residents and members of the public who currently have to stop watering their gardens and reserve water for consumption only. This will ensure that water that is pumped into the reservoirs is able to reach levels that generate enough pressure to supply all areas in Kimberly Town. The community is encouraged to adopt water-conserving habits even during periods of normal supply.

During the water interruption schools, clinics, and hospitals that do not have water storage will be provided water through the water tank.

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