Our water
Livingstone Shire’s water comes from Water Park Creek in Byfield, however, it originates in the Shoalwater area, known as the Catchment Area. The water comes from underground through sand dunes and then flows through kilometres of rainforest.

The quantity and quality of water varies throughout the year depending on the amount of rainfall we receive and the activities that occur in the Catchment Area.

We often experience drought conditions which impact severely on the amount of water available for community use.

Council has a range of restrictions graded from 1 to 5 which prohibits certain activities, for example, washing of vehicles, watering of lawns, use of sprinklers etc.

Water is a precious resource to us all, and Livingstone Shire Council continually promotes the importance of preserving our water resources through conservation.

While you enjoy your stay, please observe the current water restrictions, details of which can be obtained by telephoning:

- Council’s Customer Service on 07) 4939 3388 or
- Commercial Services 07) 4939 9811

Did you know?
- A dripping tap can waste 7,000 litres of water per year
- A leaking toilet cistern can waste 35,000 litres of water per year
- Dual flush toilets operate at 9/4.5 litres per flush; single flush toilets operate at 12 litres per flush.

- A tap left running while you clean your teeth wastes 6,000 litres per year.
- A sprinkler left running can waste 1,000 litres of water per hour.
- Many showers put out 20 litres of water per minute!
- An average tap flows at a rate of 20-30 litres per minute (depending on how far it’s turned on).

Tips on How you can help

- Take shorter showers—limit showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off.
- Fill the sink with a little warm water for rinsing your razor while shaving.
- Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth.
- Report leaking toilet cistern or taps
- Ensure the washing machine’s load adjustment is right for the load. If there’s no load adjustment, wait until you have enough clothes for a full load.
- Don’t let the tap run when washing vegetables—put a little water in the sink.
- Use only a little water in the saucepan when cooking.

We enjoy having you visit and thank you for helping us care for the environment and our Shire—we welcome your return.