

# Major events for Lake's future Water and minerals in the spotlight

## Water:

LACHLAN residents will be able to have their say on the NSW Government's recently released Regional Water Strategy next week.

The strategy is one of 12 being developed across the state and is hoped to manage water needs in the Lachlan community over the next 20 to 40 years.

It comes following a live regional webinar on the issue which was held on Monday, as well as one specifically for indigenous communities on Tuesday.

Lachlan Shire council has been regularly working with the NSW Government's Critical Water Advisory Panel to assess the impact the drought has had on those living in the Lower Lachlan Valley river systems.

The NSW Government is preparing regional water strategies that will bring together the best and latest climate evidence with a wide range of tools and solutions to manage the water needs across the state.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) is identifying actions that can address such challenges to support a

liveable and prosperous Lachlan region.

The draft strategy serves as a basis for continued discussions to take place about the future management of water in communities such as Lake, and has been prepared in consultation with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

"We want to know about the opportunities and challenges you see and how you think they should be addressed," a DPIE spokesperson said.

"We are seeking your feedback on the options presented in the draft strategy and whether

you have any further information that could help us to assess the benefits and disadvantages of any of the listed options."

The draft of the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy will be on public exhibition until November 13 and can be accessed at [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/lachlan-regional-water-strategy](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/lachlan-regional-water-strategy).

Public information sessions will be held Tuesday October 20 at Lake Cargelligo from 9.30am until 12:00pm at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club.

A special information session will also be held October 20 at

Murrin Bridge from 1:30pm until 4:00pm for Aboriginal engagement.

Both consultations will provide an overview of the climate data modelling approach, a long list of draft options, the submission process and a question and answer session.

Both communities are reminded that information face-to-face events will have COVID-19 safe practices in place.

Those wishing to attend will need to register their interest at [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/lachlan-regional-water-strategy](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/lachlan-regional-water-strategy).



## Ground water and minerals:

THERE'S a free online information session tonight to provide an update on the amount of groundwater and minerals covering the Lake Cargelligo area.

There have been high hopes that a \$500,000 aerial survey that was conducted between September and October last year by Geoscience Australia would shed light on pockets of underground water and minerals between Lake and Cobar.

The completed survey was the first of its kind to be undertaken in the region, covering an area of 19,000 square kilometers the equivalent of one and a half times that of the Greater Sydney Metropolitan area.

Earlier this year Director of Geoscience Australia John Greenfield said the results from that survey had already shown promising signs of minerals and potential underground water, but further analysis was needed to pin-point the exact location of those areas.

"The survey has given us more of a map to show us where these areas are lining up. It gives some kind of indication of how saline the level of water is if

we can confirm that it is in fact water.

"The technology we use has actually been around for over 70 years, however, refining it to show the layers in the earth is really difficult. We've managed to increase the efficiency of the technique over time but it still comes with its share of challenges," he said.

It is expected that the webinar will provide

more insight into findings and held tonight from 7 to 8pm. Following presentation there will also be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

Those who are interested in participating in the webinar will need to register their interest by visiting the following link: [www.dpie.abode.com.au/m/cobar/event/info.html](http://www.dpie.abode.com.au/m/cobar/event/info.html)



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To NSW GOVERNMENT ;  
Draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy

Rather than fill out the Submission Questionnaire form , will you please accept this email as a reply ?

As I said at the meeting in Lake Cargelligo on several occasions I am only interested in how water is run through the the lakes system from out of the Lachlan River through Lake Sheet of Water, through Lake Curlew, through Lake Cargelligo then back into the Lachlan. Also , Maintaining Lake Cargelligo at a level to keep Robinson Curuso Island an island. Protection the environment & the wildlife on the island is a priority. Refer to Dr Adam Kerezy PHD Additionally, will you please consider the economic , the social connection , the mental health and well being of people as part of the value of maintaining Lake Cargelligo as is?

Your lack of consultation with public re item 27, has caused alarm, speculation, distrust , fear, The lack of complete details arouses suspicion & lack of trust, conflict in our town.

Your lack of showing how you plan to separate Lake Cargelligo into 3 lakes is causing disputes on how this will happen. Where will the lines be drawn showing how the lake will be separated? People keep asking how is the lake going to be separated , who knows the answer? Certainly not the people of Lake Cargelligo. Can you send plan to our local paper The Lake News so they can publish it?

A public water register showing all license holder would remove any speculation as to who controls water. Do you agree?

It would also prove there is no collusion, no insider trading, no conflicts of interest in water trading. Why is the Member of Murray Helen Dalton efforts to get this register made public being ignored?

Why is when water becomes available the water brokers seem to be able to contact local license holders although the license holders thought they were anonymous? Are there any NSW water officials water traders?

Who owns the water that falls out of the sky? Everyone really ! Taking out weirs & dams where would water that flow into the Lachlan River at the top of river finish up? that's right the bottom of the river - Therefore who actually owns the water? the top of the river?, the middle of the river? , the bottom of the river ?

In the 70's because there were many sleeper license around this time& this water wasn't being used the government at the time decided to win votes by handing out more licenses, However when the owners of the sleeper licenses realized that there was money to be made by selling their water either temporary or permanent it created over allocation. There is only so much water & over allocation of these licences resulted in over government selling 125% -when 100% should have been the figure. How do I know this - I was talking on a telephone one day around that time a senior staff member of State Water about the level of Lake Cargelligo & I asked what was the figure over allocation of licenses on The Lachlan River & he said he couldn't give that figure , but he asked what I thought it would be & he could say yes or no to the figure I stated? from memory I think I said 10% to which he said higher, I said 30% he said lower , so I said 25% & he replied close. Have you figures to show this incorrect ?

Below a email sent to Minister for Water

The Hon. Melinda Jane PAVEY, MP  
Member of the Legislative Assembly  
Member for Oxley  
Minister for Water, Property and Housing  
Member of The Nationals  
oxley@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister

As Minister for Water I am asking can you please supply the minutes of a public meeting?

Being the only member of the public in attendance , along with the presenting 5 officials from NSW Department of Planning, Industry ,& Environment, at a recent ( 20/10/20) meeting in Lake Cargelligo & I am very keen to see how it was reported.

Re attached headline & story after the meeting from The Lake News 28/10/20 including "Radical new 'plan' for our lake - Could our lake be split up into three?"

The NSW Government , Department of Planning, Industry Environment held a meeting at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club on Tuesday 20th October 20 to present to the public the recently released Draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy. The Draft was presented by five NSW Government Officials including facilitator [REDACTED] and 2 others.

Poor communication with the public , license holders, interested parties resulted in attracting only one member of the public, with only one apology mentioned at the meeting. The overhead presentation showed that NSW Government Water is preparing 12 new strategies across regional NSW , from a list of 48 options. including :-  
Option 27. Improvements to the storage effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo.

Upon spotting the Option 27. Improvements to the storage effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo from the 48 displayed I remember asking "is there any plans to divide the lake into cells?" if the reply was yes I would have definitely remembered it!!!!!!!!!!!! - or the facilitator & speakers moved extremely quickly onto another topic.  
NOT SHOWN & NOT DISCUSSED WAS - the detailed long list options which read

27. Improvements to the storage effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo -Separation of the main lake at Cargelligo into three lakes to reduce evaporation losses and improve the operational effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo. This option would improve river operations and water security for towns, communities and industries

Attached in article The Lake News (14/10/20) is reference to two meetings in Lake Cargelligo ( let you find them, as they are hard to spot ) as there was no advertisement in classified section of this edition of The Lake News , therefore it is very oblivious not many ( 1 person ) people

noticed the reference.

If it had read 'SEPARATION OF LAKE CARGELLIGO INTO 3 LAKES " there would have been over 100's of people in attendance.

The reason for non attendance was lack of advertising & lack of communication with any interested parties like license holders, water users, & residents

Ms Pavey as Minister for water can you please help in obtaining the minutes of the meeting?

I have requested the minutes on 4 occasions from NSW Department of Planning, Industry, & Environment since the meeting & have received 2 replies including no name at the bottom of the replies

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[REDACTED], DPIE W Regional Water Strategies Mailbox wrote:

> Hi [REDACTED], >  
> We will organize that for you. >  
> Kind regards, >  
> Regional Water Strategies Team  
> Water Division | Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
> regionalwater.strategies@dpi.e.nsw.gov.au  
> www.dpi.e.nsw.gov.au

[REDACTED]  
Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay. I have contacted the team and they will be sent to you asap.

Kind regards,

Regional Water Strategies Team  
Water Division | Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
regionalwater.strategies@dpi.e.nsw.gov.au  
www.dpi.e.nsw.gov.au

Regards

[REDACTED], retired, ex newsagent 34 years )

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## A heartfelt march



Pictured: Scenes from the 'Two Feet and a Heartbeat' charity walk on October 18.

Allan Wilson

A EUABALONG-west woman has praised the important work the Australian charity HeartKids is doing in raising funds for those suffering from childhood congenital heart disease.

Natasha Casey and her family recently participated

in the 4km 'Two Feet and a Heartbeat' charity walk on Sunday 18th October in honour of children suffering from the condition.

Ms Casey said she endeavoured to become involved in the cause due to having lost a child near to her. "Our baby boy is among those angels but will always be with us," Ms Casey said.

"(It was) in loving memory of Layton Freshfield and all the heart babies.

"I'd like to say thanks to all the people who participated as it means a great deal to our family," she said.

HeartKids is the only national profit-for-purpose charity dedicated to supporting children, teens and adults affected by congenital heart

disease across Australia.

In addition to raising money, they also fund life-saving research and advocate for family needs.

Because there is no known cure, support is viewed as a commitment for life to see through the challenges the illness poses.

Congenital heart disease is one of the leading causes of

death of Australian infants.

In addition to the four who pass away per week as a result, eight are born with childhood heart disease per day in Australia.

With this year's initiative having aimed to collect over 4,300 participants across the country, donations for 'Two Feet and a Heartbeat Charity Walk' have managed to sur-

pass the goal of \$200,000, having so far reached \$227,724.

Participants walked side by side during events that occurred across the country, with each walker carrying a coloured flag to emphasise how the condition has affected their families.

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# Radical new 'plan' for our lake

## Could our lake be split up into three?

Andrew Mangelsdorf

LAKE CARGELLIGO could be divided into three separate lakes, according to a radical new draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy.

The idea was raised

by representatives from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) at a community consultation held at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club last week.

According to the draft plans, the purpose

of the division would be to reduce evaporation losses and thus improve the storage effectiveness of the Lake.

Other reasons for the measure include improving river operations and increasing

water security for the town, local communities and industries.

Climate change appears to have also been a factor with the DPIE arguing that "increased climate variability poses new risks to the Lachlan

[region]."

The Draft plans were presented by NSW Government Officials including facilitator Andrew McMahon, and Strategy Leaders Mark Simons and Stef Schulte.

Disappointingly the

meeting attracted only one member of the public, with only one apology mentioned.

The presentation showed that NSW Water is preparing 12 new strategies across regional NSW, from a list of 48 options.

These include:

- Improvements to the storage effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo
- The Sheet Of Water Storage
- Drought operation rules

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# I walk for big cause



ed those impacted by either  
ed heart disease; red by those  
or white by those walking in  
'Angel' (a deceased loved-one).  
so made an inspirational video  
s ambassador, actor Gyton  
g what the day means to fami-  
ng with such conditions. The  
be accessed at:  
ok.com/HeartKidsAustralia/  
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like to donate for the cause  
the link  
s.org.au/whats-on/two-feet-a-



ly and... will face  
the Lake Cargelligo  
court on December 9.  
Meanwhile, at 3.30am  
last Sunday a 24 year  
old Lake Cargelligo  
man was arrested and  
charged with breach-  
On Friday...  
22 year old man was  
detected driving a  
motor vehicle, past  
the Police Station,  
in Lake Cargelligo  
with a suspended  
19/10, a  
woman has been  
charged with pos-  
sessing a small  
amount of cannabis.  
All 3 will face Lake  
Cargelligo Local Court  
on November 4.

## Call for submissions on radical Lake agenda

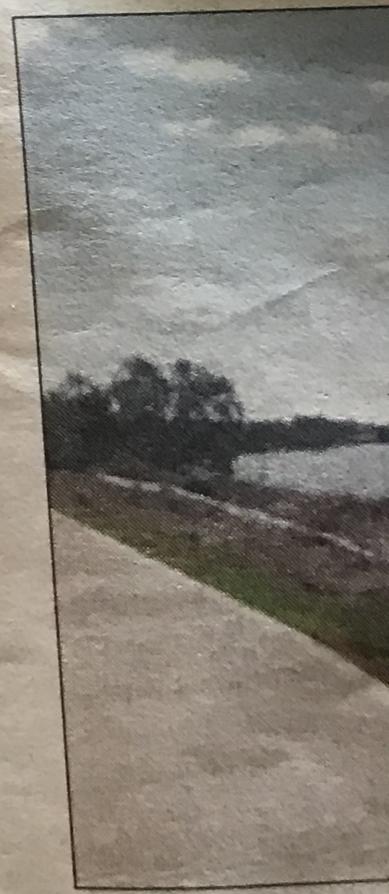
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include:  
- A water transfer  
pipeline between  
Lake Rowlands &  
Carcoar Dam,  
- The Wyalanga Dam  
Raising Project, and  
Lake Rowlands aug-  
mentation.  
A question from the  
floor at the meeting con-  
cerned the running of  
water from the Lachlan  
river through the Lake  
Cargelligo water system  
Planning, Industry, and  
Environment Public  
Exhibition Submission  
Questionnaire & fill it  
out.  
The new strategy  
emphasises:  
1. Improvements to the  
storage effectiveness  
of Lake Cargelligo:  
- Separation of the  
main lake at Lake  
Cargelligo into three  
lakes to reduce evapo-  
ration losses and  
improve the opera-  
tional effectiveness of  
Cargelligo and  
improve delivery effi-  
ciency throughout the  
Lower Lachlan  
region.  
The draft water strate-  
gy is part of the NSW  
Government's 20-year  
regional water strategy  
designed to help man-  
age the water needs in  
the Lachlan region.  
There is still time for  
locals to have their say,  
with locals encouraged  
to visit the website at  
[www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/)



and then back into the  
Lachlan river, thus  
keeping the lake as an  
acceptable level.  
The Cargelligo  
Wetlands & Lakes  
Council Inc group met  
(11 in attendance)  
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The group is encour-  
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locals to go online to  
NSW Department of  
Lake Cargelligo.  
- This option would  
improve river opera-  
tions and water secu-  
rity for local towns,  
communities and  
industries.  
2. The construction of a  
'Sheet of Water'  
bypass channel:  
- This would improve  
the reliability of water  
supply by reducing  
evaporation losses  
lachlan-regional-water-  
strategy  
To get in touch,  
please email: [regional-water.strategies@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:regional-water.strategies@dpie.nsw.gov.au)  
Submissions close at  
11:59pm (AEST) on  
Friday November 13.  
The department was  
contacted for comment,  
however no reply was  
received by the time the  
Lake News went to

of an aerial survey for grou-  
mineral deposits has identified  
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Geological experts said th-  
cates a number of areas in t-  
the Lachlan River where  
pockets of groundwater exist-  
"I know many people are  
finding groundwater here  
Cargelligo) and there appear  
anomalies which can be  
aquifers, but many of them  
missed without this data if  
about drilling." Senior C-  
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Mining, Exploration a-  
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# Residents angry over lake changes

## Submissions on Lachlan Regional Water Strategy extended until next month

Allan Wilson

LAKE Cargelligo residents have voiced their disapproval of the recently released Draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy which proposes to separate the main lake into three.

Initially, residents had the opportunity to make comments on the Department of Planning Industry and Environment and NSW Government's strategy up until last Friday, but that window has now been extended to Sunday 13th December.

The draft proposes to separate the lake into three so as to reduce evaporation losses and improve the operational effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo.

It claims that the option would

and the Lake Cowal project for examples of what you can do to improve water retention.

"You may know all about this process of restoring upland waterways but do you have the guts to start there and stop tinkering with the natural system further down?"

"Volunteers like the Landcare group are working on the high catchment areas of the Lachlan, chipping away at a problem that needs the full support of the state government to do the job properly," Mr Vagg said.

Lake Cargelligo's Carmel Gleeson voiced her support to see the current management of the Lachlan River continue unhindered.

"Personally, I am of the opinion that it is imperative that if the regionally significant ecological cul-



improve river operations and water security for towns, communities and industries.

The strategy also proposes to decommission the 'Sheet of Water' storage (a natural lake upstream of Lake Cargelligo) and construct a bypass channel, stating that this would improve the reliability of water supply by reducing evaporation losses associated with the lake and improve delivery efficiency throughout the Lower Lachlan region.

The draft has caused a stir in the community and the Lake's Alive Progress Association have slammed the state government and DPIE for a lack of communication with interested parties such as water users and license holders.

They have also been critical of the Government's lack of advertising of a consultation session that occurred in mid October at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club.

Local resident Eddie Vagg said the concept is a classic example of a government determined to grind state waterways into wastelands.

"If you have real concerns for loss of water in the Lachlan System, start at the top end," Mr Vagg said in his submission to DPIE.

"Have a look at Mulloon Creek running into the Shoalhaven River

tural and social values of the Lake Cargelligo Wetlands System are to be managed well, then water flowing from the Lachlan River through the Wetlands and back to the River should be continued," Mrs Gleeson said.

Lake's Alive said that, had the state government created more awareness around last months public meeting, hundreds of Lake residents would have attended to make their opinions clear.

A DPIE spokesperson said the extended time frame for submissions on the strategy will ensure a broad range of stakeholder feedback.

"We hope this informs the options around the assessment process and the finalisation of strategy documents. Thank you to those who have made a submission," the spokesperson said.

"Please note that all submissions will be published on the department's website unless you let us know in your submission that you do not wish for the content to be released."

Those wishing to make a submission can do so at the DPIE website at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/regional-water-strategies/public-exhibition/lachlan>

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