

Drinking Water Quality Summary - June 2023

Shoalhaven Water provides safe and reliable drinking water to approximately 100,000 people in the Shoalhaven on a daily basis. The drinking water we supply is routinely tested throughout our water supply systems with analysis undertaken at independent NATA certified laboratories as per the 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). This detailed water quality monitoring forms part of Shoalhaven Water's framework for the management of drinking water quality. Results are based on samples representative of water supplied to customers' taps. Results for microbiological and key physical/chemical parameters are summarised in the following:

Analyte	ADWG Guideline Health	ADWG Guideline Aesthetic	<	>	Units	Whole of Shoalhaven		Northern Shoalhaven Supply System (Bamarang)		Kangaroo Valley Supply System		Southern Shoalhaven Supply System		Flat Rock Supply System	
						Monthly Average	Monthly Compliance	Monthly Average	Monthly Compliance	Monthly Average	Monthly Compliance	Monthly Average	Monthly Compliance	Monthly Average	Monthly Compliance
<i>E. coli</i>	0	c		>0	MPN/100mL	0	100%	0	100%	0	100%	0	100%	0	100%
Aluminium	c	0.2		>0.2	mg/L	0.0300	100%	0.0400	100%	-	-	0.0300	100%	0.0200	100%
Arsenic	c	0.01		>0.01	mg/L	0.0008	100%	0.0010	100%	-	-	0.0010	100%	0.0005	100%
Cadmium	0.002	c		>0.002	mg/L	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%	-	-	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%
Calcium	10000	c		>10000	mg/L	13.9000	100%	14.2000	100%	-	-	14.5000	100%	13.0000	100%
Free Chlorine	5	0.2	<0.2	>5	mg/L	0.5459	100.0%	0.5482	100%	0.5900	100.0%	0.5931	100%	0.3760	100%
Copper	2	1		>2	mg/L	0.0225	100%	0.0200	100%	-	-	0.0007	100%	0.0615	100%
Fluoride	1.5	c		>1.5	mg/L	1.0100	100%	0.9260	100%	1.0100	100%	0.9433	100%	0.9600	100%
Hardness	c	200		>200	mg/L	56.2333	100%	58.6000	100%	-	-	55.1000	100%	55.0000	100%
Iron	c	0.3		>0.3	mg/L	0.0225	100%	0.0260	100%	-	-	0.0200	100%	0.0175	100%
Lead	0.01	c		>0.01	mg/L	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%	-	-	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%
Magnesium	10000	c		>10000	mg/L	5.2267	100%	5.6200	100%	-	-	4.5800	100%	5.4800	100%
Manganese	0.5	0.1		>0.5	mg/L	0.0024	100%	0.0024	100%	-	-	0.0024	100%	0.0025	100%
Mercury	0.001	c		>0.001	mg/L	0.0004	100%	0.0004	100%	-	-	0.0004	100%	0.0004	100%
Nickel	0.02	c		>0.02	mg/L	0.0003	100%	0.0004	100%	-	-	0.0002	100%	0.0002	100%
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	50	c		>50	mg/L	0.1880	100%	0.1460	100%	-	-	0.1967	100%	0.2800	100%
Nitrite (as NO ₂)	3	c		>3	mg/L	0.0185	100%	0.0140	100%	-	-	0.0200	100%	0.0275	100%
pH	c	6.5-8.5	<6.5	>8.5	pH units	7.3847	100%	7.3969	100%	7.3600	100%	7.3615	100%	7.3500	100%
Selenium	0.01	c		>0.01	mg/L	0.0035	100%	0.0035	100%	-	-	0.0035	100%	0.0035	100%
Silver	0.1	c		>0.1	mg/L	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%	-	-	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%
Sodium	c	180		>180	mg/L	13.3333	100%	14.0000	100%	-	-	12.0000	100%	14.0000	100%
Sulfate	500	250		>500	mg/L	22.3333	100%	23.0000	100%	-	-	22.0000	100%	22.0000	100%
TDS ²	c	600		>600	mg/L	90.1000	100%	92.8000	100%	-	-	92.0000	100%	80.5000	100%
True Colour	c	15		>15	HU	1.0000	100%	1.0000	100%	-	-	1.0000	100%	1.0000	100%
Turbidity	c	5		>5	NTU	0.2830	100%	0.2673	100.00%	0.3433	100%	0.3569	100%	0.1960	100%
Uranium	0.017	c		>0.017	mg/L	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%	-	-	0.0001	100%	0.0001	100%
Zinc	c	3		>3	mg/L	0.0083	100%	0.0100	100%	-	-	0.0050	100%	0.0100	100%

¹ Note that the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) specifies water quality standards that are considered safe for people to drink over an entire lifetime. Therefore compliance is based on a statistical measure of results rather than absolute figures.

² TDS = Total Dissolved Solids

³ Corrective action taken for E.coli exception and the repeat test result was compliant (all clear). Contact Shoalhaven Water for further information.

- Denotes that this analyte was not tested this month due to either the treatment plant being offline or the required frequency resulted in no sample required for this month.

c Health or Aesthetic limits have not been set by the ADWG.

+ Inadvertent omission

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/eh52>