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Sandstone sculpture takes shape

CHIPPING IN: Sculptor Adriaan Vanderlugt, right, carving out a bridled, nail-tailed wallaby from a block of sandstone, taken from the Saraji coal mine, with, from left, Elaine Kruck, of the pottery club, and Denise Vanderlugt, an expert quilt maker and Mr Vanderlugt's publicity manager. Residents can catch him at the Town Square park as he works. The bridled, nail-tailed wallaby is an endangered species of wildlife. Mr Vanderlugt was commissioned by the Whitsunday Centenary of Federation and is presenting the Coast to Coal Sculpture Symposium in Sarina, Glenden, Clermont, Nebo and Mackay.



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Council alarmed by water usage

By DAVIDE ROSARIO

BELYANDO Shire Council may be forced to impose water restrictions if consumption continues to rise in Moranbah.

Acting Mayor Cr Peter Freeleagus said there had been a sharp rise in water use in recent months.

"We may need to look into some form of restriction if consumption continues to rise at the rate of the past months," Cr Freeleagus said.

At a council meeting last week, Cr Freeleagus said the increase in consumption was alarming.

"The usage was excessive, despite the fact that there are more people in the town now," he said.

"We have briefly talked about it (restrictions) in council and we are closely monitoring the situation."

Cr Freeleagus said there was also growing concern that sprinkler hours were being abused by many residents.

"We introduced longer sprin-

kler hours to allow shift workers to come home to water their gardens, but there seems to be sprinklers turned on during the day and sometimes all through the night."

Cr Freeleagus said there were regulations on the use of sprinklers, and council may need to look at policing them more stringently.

Rates clerk Ian Martin said the last time a fine was issued for abuse of sprinkler hours was in June, 1998.

Moranbah council engineer David Cook said the average daily consumption was about 10 megalitres of water, when ideally it should be between seven and eight megalitres.

He said said water usage peaked during sprinkling hours between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Rain earlier this week was the first decent fall after a prolonged dry spell. The Bureau of Meteorology recorded 36mm of rain for Moranbah on Monday.

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