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Meters to save litres in shire

Andrea Falvo

THE successful installation of Automatic Water Meter Reading devices in the Mareeba township is set to help residents keep money in their pockets.

Earlier this year Mareeba Shire Council adopted the installation of the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) systems, provided by Taggle wireless sensor networks.

AMR systems monitor individual water use by transmitting meter readings to two local receivers every hour.

Receivers have been installed on the water tower on Basalt St and at Walandra water tower, covering a 5km radius in all directions.

The AMR systems help council detect any unusual water use patterns indicating a potential leak at a property.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said funds had been approved in

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the 2015/2016 capital budget program for the introduction of the AMR devices in Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy and Kuranda areas, as well as replacing aged water meters.

"The feedback from residents concerning the introduction of the AMR devices in Mareeba has been extremely positive," he said.

"Many residents have expressed significant appreciation about being informed of water leaks at their properties, which saved them money."

Councillor Gilmore said during the last round of water meter readings, an audit highlighted that 1426 water meters in the Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy and Kuranda areas needed to be replaced due to their age, wear and tear.



Coming up roses

TEA will be set for hundreds tomorrow as locals converge at the Mareeba Turf Club for the Pink Ribbon Garden Party.

The fundraiser for Cancer Council Queensland and the Marylyn Mayo Lodge in Cairns is increasing in popularity, with this year set to be a day of 'glitz and glamour'.

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