

Lake Albert gets the 'all clear'

Wagga Wagga City Council has issued the 'all clear' for Lake Albert after receiving the results of the latest tests on water samples taken from the lake.

An alert for blue-green algae was issued on 24 January 2023 after visual signs of algae scum were observed in Lake Albert.

A combination of warm weather and high nutrient levels had resulted in the blue-green algae blooms.

Manager Environment and Regulatory Services Mark Gardiner said Council officers have been conducting regular testing of Lake Albert and have now received two consecutive results below red alert levels.

"We have now lifted the warnings for blue-green algae and advise that Lake Albert is once again suitable for recreational use," Mr Gardiner said.

"As algal numbers can change dramatically with changes in conditions, water users should avoid water which is discoloured or gives off an earthy or musty odour."

Advisory signage that was installed at Lake Albert following the blue-green algae alert is being removed.

Council regularly monitors the water quality of Lake Albert for blue green algae and bacterial content.

Readings for blue green algae and bacteria levels are published online at www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/waterquality

Updates and information about blue-green algae blooms and Red Alert warning areas can be obtained by calling 1800 999 457 or visiting www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae

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