

Airwell Reliability on Contaminated Bores in Beaufort Victoria

George Kirkpatrick a farmer in Beaufort Victoria has been operating Airwell pumping equipment for the past 13 years and has over this time installed 4 Airwell pumps to operate in a variety of different situations on his property.

George's property which is located 20km south of Beaufort runs a variety of sheep including merino, cross bred and dorper sheep.

George's need for an Airwell solution began in 1999 when he had the misfortune to run out of water on a property that he owned. After drilling two bores that were dry, the third bore attempt had a high concentrate of white clay combined with water having a concentrate of 9000 parts per million salt. To add to the difficulty of the pumping situation this bore was 49 metres deep and was 500 metres from the nearest power source.



George Kirkpatrick with his Airwell controller

George had heard about air pumps but not specifically Airwell "I purchased another brand of air pump and was jubilant in thinking that all my water- related problems were solved," said George. However, three of these other brand pumps failed in the first five days, being unable to cope with the impurity of the water that the bore was producing.

An acquaintance passed on an article to George, clipped from "The Stock and Land" newspaper, about Robert Fishburn, the Airwell pump representative in Hamilton, Victoria. In his initial conversation with Robert about his pumping issues, "Robert was not the least bit concerned about the poor quality of water that I was attempting to pump up from the bore and he was confident in the competency of the Airwell pump to cope. He was absolutely correct," George commented on his initial dealings with Airwell.



Airwell Representative Robert Fishburn who handled George's enquiry

To date in 2013, George has only needed to replace 2 batteries and service the pump twice. According to George "I have never experienced any problems or issues with the unit and it has continued to give me ongoing optimum performance."

George has been so impressed with the Airwell pump and its performance that he now has another 3 similar Airwell pumps to function on other bores and their histories are also impeccable, neither having ever given any operational problems.

In terms of farming, the sheep stock thrive on the water from the bores, however the enormity of the clay concentration within the water can be illustrated in that the 22,500 litre tank used to hold the water prior to flowing out into troughs is now ½ full of white clay.

“To Airwell Pumps I would like to offer a sincere word of thanks for 14 years of hassle-free, proficient water solutions,” commented George on his time using Airwell pumps.

Airwell pumps have built a reputation on their ability to pump a variety of different water qualities efficiently and reliably from bacteria contaminated bores through to the clay fines found on George Kirkpatrick’s property.

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George Kirkpatrick with one of his 4 Airwell pumps