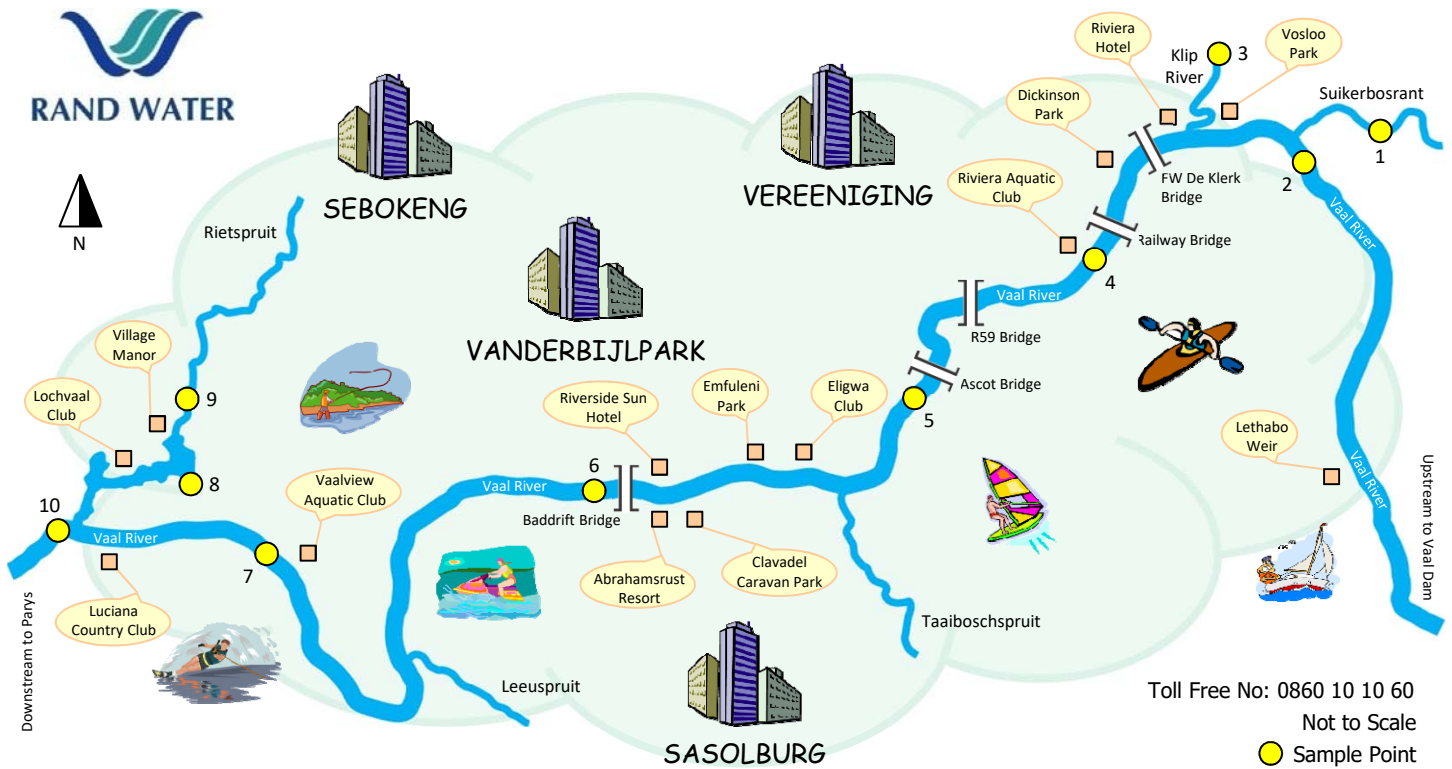


# Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 6 October 2021



Toll Free No: 0860 10 10 60  
Not to Scale  
● Sample Point

Interpretation of the results obtained from water samples collected at the respective sample points (refer map above).

<b>Escherichia coli (E.coli)</b> Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	<i>E.coli</i> counts per 100ml at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	249	33	19,290	1,986	4,100	42	42	866	141,360
Last Week	248	11	1,733	17,250	1,046	50	11	7,080	770,100	17

Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* < 130 counts/100ml  
Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* 130 – 200 counts/100ml

Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* 200 – 400 counts/100ml  
High risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* > 400 counts/100ml

<b>Blue Green Algae</b> Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	Blue Green algae counts at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	182	< 40	776	121	121	603	< 40	14,239	1,086
Last Week	161	362	1,569	1,207	483	724	724	241	1,689	32,821

Low Risk Blue Green algae < 20,000 cells/ml

Moderate Risk Blue Green algae 20,000 – 100,000 cells/ml

High Risk Blue Green algae > 100,000 cells/ml

<b>Algal Pigments</b> Predicted nuisance conditions include: Scums & smells	Algal pigments expressed as Chlorophyll-a levels at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	4	18	18	9	21	82	148	493	57
Last Week	2	16	29	29	130	55	191	321	52	90

Low Risk Chlorophyll-a < 15ug/l

Moderate Risk Chlorophyll-a 15 - 30ug/l

High Risk Chlorophyll-a > 30ug/l

\* If ingested. X Sample not received / no data available. Reports generated every Friday of the year.

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