

Media Release



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Triple win for Western Water's triple bottom line

The end of the financial year sees Western Water receiving three prestigious awards.

Western Water received the United Nations Environmental Award for Excellence in Sustainable Water Management and was a finalist for the Premier's Sustainability Award. Both awards were for the provision of recycled water to Eynesbury, Melton South.

In addition, Western Water's outstanding 2007/08 Annual Report received a Gold Award at the Australasian Reporting Awards. This was the third year in succession that Western Water's Annual Report to stakeholders received a Gold award.

Acting Managing Director, Les McLean said all three awards strengthen Western Water's commitment to develop successful projects in partnership with key stakeholders.

"Recognition with awards of this calibre rewards the commitment of Western Water's Board and Staff to our Vision to be a leading service provider working with our community towards a sustainable future," said Mr McLean.

"The challenge of providing a sustainable water supply for an expanding population around Melton South has required innovative thinking.

"Part of the innovation is cutting residential drinking water use by up to 50% in each household through the delivery of Class A recycled water for toilet flushing and garden watering via dual pipes to developments such as Eynesbury.

"At a time of record low rainfall, Eynesbury serves as a model for future sustainable developments," he said.

United Nations Association Victoria Executive Director Patricia Collett said that she particularly wanted to congratulate Western Water and Water Infrastructure Group's Eynesbury Township project.

"With the drying out of the south-east of Australia comes a particular challenge for new residential developments, and this project provides an excellent model for similar developments being planned right now," explained Ms Collett.

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About Western Water

Western Water is one of Victoria's 13 regional urban water corporations. We provide water, recycled water and sewerage services to over 53,000 properties and 134,810 people in an area of 3,000 square kilometres. Our region extends from Lancefield in the north to Melton and Rockbank in the south and from Myrning in the west to Bulla in the east. We incorporate parts of Hume City Council and Melton, Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils.

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