

# Media Release



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## Western Water launches WAVE event and Sammy Snake's Big Day Out as schools celebrate learning

Western Water is celebrating Education Week with two main events; a new regional performing arts competition and a Big Day Out for members of its Sammy the Snake Waterwise Club.

Managing director John Wilkinson said Western Water's award winning education team has invited all members of its Sammy Club and their families to Merrimu Water Filtration Plant on Saturday 5 June, 10am – 2.30pm, in celebration of this year's World Environment Day.

"Sammy's Super Saturday will be a day of games and activities, prizes and giveaways, hands-on science, guided tours, live music and information about Australia's most precious resource, water," Mr Wilkinson said.

In other news, Western Water is calling on all primary and secondary schools in the Melton, Macedon Ranges and Sunbury areas to register now for this year's Big WAVE performing arts competition, with finals to be held during national Water Week in October.

"This will be an eisteddfod of eisteddfods, a performing arts competition followed by a major regional event as the finale," Mr Wilkinson said.

"Registration packs have been sent out to schools and we need expressions of interest back soon to get this competition underway."

After registering their interest, students then have until August 20 to script and digitally record their entries in categories including mime and song, drama, dance and poetry, costumes and props. Entries can be submitted on YouTube or via a USB, DVD or flash card.

Mr Wilkinson said Western Water is very pleased to have Southern Rural Water as a partner in its 2010 Water Week schools event, with the theme this year being Our Water: Past, Present and Future.

"Southern Rural Water manages the bulk water supplies for almost half the state of Victoria and is overseeing the biggest renewal of water supply services this state has undertaken since the grid was first laid out in the 19<sup>th</sup> century," he said

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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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