

Application Package

Under the 2020-21 Recycled Water Grant Program Westernport Water is offering funds to connect to and/or distribute recycled water via the Class A distribution network on Phillip Island. The Application Package is made up of three sections (1. Basic Information, 2. Application Guidelines and 3. Project Proposal). Please read and/or complete each section.

1. Basic information

What is Class A recycled water?

Class A Recycled Water is wastewater treated to the highest quality for the widest range of domestic and commercial applications, including irrigation for pasture & food production, toilet flushing and industrial processes.

Benefits of Class A recycled water

There are numerous benefits for commercial and agricultural use of recycled water. Benefits include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ guaranteed source of water supply
- ◆ reduced demand on drinking water supplies
- ◆ protects and enhances the environment
- ◆ cost effective for consumers
- ◆ facilitates consistent and/or increased production.

Further information on Class A uses can be found here: <https://www.westernportwater.com.au/products-services/recycled-water/what-is-recycled-water/>

Funding available

Recycled Water Grants have been made available for Westernport Water customers to assist in connecting to (or expanding) Class A recycled water for the purpose of securing an alternative water source that supports consistent; sustainable and affordable practices.

Funding can be applied to the costs of labour; materials and equipment associated with:

- ◆ tapping into the network (new customers)
- ◆ internal distribution systems (existing commercial customers)
- ◆ plumbing retrofit
- ◆ other requirements deemed to enable supply.

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Submitting an application

Please find following the [Application Guidelines](#) and [Project Proposal Template](#). Applications must be submitted by email in accordance with the attached guidelines and closing date.

For further enquiries please contact:

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2. Application Guidelines

Westernport Water's Recycled Water Grant Program is designed to help local business and not for profit organisations invest in connecting to the existing recycled water network, improve overall water efficiency of their business, support economic development and help customers prepare for climate variability.

The grant can be claimed for 75% of the cost of a project, up to a maximum sum of \$10,000 (e.g. If the project costs \$10,000 the business will contribute \$2,500 and Westernport Water will grant \$7,500). Grants are subject to funding availability.

Projects that demonstrate marked improvement in their business' water efficiency and can deliver noticeable water savings or economic growth as a result of connection will be viewed favourably. Applications will be assessed on an individual basis against the grant criteria.

Eligibility

To be eligible for grant support, applicants must be a customer of Westernport Water and be within proximity to the existing recycled water network. For new commercial customers, grant funds will be limited to connection costs and not cover any behind the meter costs. Applicants who have not received previous Recycled Water Grant funds will be given higher priority.

To determine connection eligibility, contact
Wastewater & Sustainability Officer
Phone: 0448 047 115
Email: nstephens@westernportwater.com.au

The grants are open to businesses and not for profit organisations. Applicants will need to submit a complete application (forms and attachments) and submit it by 20th of January 2021.

Applications must include

- ◆ A completed Project Proposal form
- ◆ Documentation to support Assessment Criteria, as noted below
- ◆ Supporting material (where possible) including quotes from contractors, plans, building/plumbing certificates, etc.

Assessment Criteria

Funding will be recommended for applicants whose proposals best meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Potable supplementation - Ability to reduce demand of potable water
- ◆ Volume recycled water use - Ability to utilise at least 2ML of recycled water annually
- ◆ Environmental benefit - Ability to enhance the environment through sustainability, protection and enhancement
- ◆ Economic savings &/or growth - Demonstrated reduction in operating cost derived from water use (sustainability). The recycled water supply is able to facilitate consistent &/or increased production (growth)
- ◆ Social Benefit - Ability to support and enhance the wider community through educational and community livability.

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Note: Please address the Assessment Criteria within the Project Proposal.

Closing dates

Applications must be received by 11pm on 20 January 2021, with all information and attachments, using the supplied forms and must be submitted electronically. Applications that are not received by the closing date will not be accepted. Please email your application to the address below using the title Recycled Water Grant Program.

Project completion

Projects must be completed and acquittals received to enable grant funds to be claimed. Project completion dates will be negotiated with successful applicants.

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Send your application by email only to the address below:

Recycled Water Grant Program

Email: nstephens@westernportwater.com.au

3. Project Proposal

Business/Organisation Name:		
Applicant Name:		
Applicant Position:		
Industry Type:		
ACN/ABN:	<input type="checkbox"/> GST Registered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Address: (of project site)		
Phone:	Mobile:	Email:

Project Summary: (approx. 250 character)	
Reason: (Please consider the assessment criteria in your response)	
Project Scale: What annual volume of recycled water do you anticipate using? <input type="checkbox"/> under 2ML <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5ML <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10ML <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ML	Future Expansion Potential: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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<p>Expected Cost & Funding Requirements:</p> <p>(Where possible, please attach all quotes and supporting documentation to your application)</p>	
<p>Describe any collaboration with other organisations/industry groups:</p>	
<p>Permit / Licence requirements:</p> <p>What approvals and conditions (if any) does your project require?</p>	
<p>Has there been a water audit conducted to assess present and future water use?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Require Assistance</p>	
<p>Is potable (mains) water used on the site? How much is used (from bills)?</p>	<p>Will recycled water substitute potable water or be additional?</p>
<p>Peak Water use: (peak) (off peak) (average) (maximum load)</p>	
<p>% Seasonal use: % Summer % Autumn % Winter % Spring</p>	
<p>Assessment Criteria: (Address these under reason for your project)</p>	

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SELECTION CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING %
Potable supplementation	Ability to reduce demand on potable water supply.	20%
Volume recycled water use	Ability to utilise at least 2ML of recycled water annually.	40%
Environmental benefit	Ability to enhance the environment through sustainability, protection and enhancement.	20%
Economic savings &/or growth	Demonstrated reduction in operating cost derived from water use. (sustainability) The recycled water supply is able to facilitate consistent &/or increased production (growth).	10%
Social Benefit	Ability to support and enhance the wider community through educational and community liveability.	10%
Total		100%

Privacy:

Westernport Water uses this form to collect information, including personal information, from organisations interested in the grant process. The Corporation will use this personal information only for the purpose for managing the grant process. For further information please refer to Westernport Water’s Personal Privacy Charter.