## WaterSmart Program

Take control of your water use, reduce costs and become more water efficient with the government funded WaterSmart Program.



WaterSmart is a Victorian government funded program implemented by Westernport Water assisting local businesses, councils and other organisations to become more water efficient.

If you're a high to medium water using non-residential customer, you may be eligible to receive government funding under the following three streams:

Stream 1 - Water Use Monitoring using data logger technology to track your water consumption

Stream 2 - Water Use Audit or Undetected Leak Identification to improve water use efficiencies

Stream 3 - Sporting Ground Audits, Upgrades and Retrofits to reduce potable water use







# Sporting Ground Audits, Upgrades and Retrofits

Stream 3 of the WaterSmart program supports the Victorian Government's Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy by providing grants to open space managers for water efficiency audits and upgrades at local community sporting grounds.

The initiative aims to assist 13 sites within the Westernport Water region by conducting comprehensive audits to identify opportunities for reducing potable water use, and implementing small-scale retrofits.

These audits will be carried out by a qualified contractor following best practice guidelines, to assess water use across your entire site, including irrigation, changerooms, spectator stands, and club facilities.

Westernport Water can also fund or co-fund identified necessary upgrades, retrofits and other water-saving fixtures, subject to expenditure caps.

### **Benefits to Your Organisation**



Transform for the Future Westernport Water is providing funding for sporting ground audits and retrofits to bring efficient, innovative water management solutions to community facilities. This ensures your site is sustainable and fit for the future, supporting responsible consumption of local water resources.



Smarter Sustainable Design A funded professional audit, conducted by a licensed contractor will identify opportunities to reduce potable use, optimise irrigation and implement best-practice water-saving strategies for your outdoor facilities.



Indoor Facilities Included The sporting ground audit covers the entire site, including water use in indoor areas such as changerooms, spectator stands, and club facilities. This ensures improved water efficiency across all areas of your sporting ground.



Reduce Water Related Operating Costs The water audit can pinpoint inefficiencies, suggest process optimisations, recommend equipment and fixture upgrades, and encourage better water-use behaviours to lower your costs.



Small Upgrades and Retrofits Funded Funding or co-funding is available for small upgrades and retrofits identified, such as data loggers, efficient showerheads, taps, toilets, improved irrigation systems, turf or playing surface enhancements, tank installations, maintenance, and site works for non-potable water access.

### **Apply Now**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

WaterSmart is targeted at high to medium water using non-residential customers including councils, hospitals, aged care facilities, organisations and industrial sites with large water-saving potential. Specific eligibility criteria and mandatory clauses apply to each Stream.

#### **Important Dates**

The WaterSmart Program is currently funded to end June 2025. You must register for either Stream 1, 2 or 3 between 1st of May 2023 and 30 June 2025. Products and services for each Stream must be supplied and completed by 30 September 2025.

#### **Further Information**

For more information on the WaterSmart program, please visit our dedicated web page at <a href="www.westernportwater.com.au/our-community/watersmart">www.westernportwater.com.au/our-community/watersmart</a>, which includes downloadable application forms.

#### **Contact Us**

Westernport Water will invite selected non-residential customers to participate in the WaterSmart Program. To apply, please contact our team on the details below.

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