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Recycled water partnership making every drop count

Bass Coast Shire Council is putting recycled water to work across the community for approved uses including dust suppression, road grading and street tree watering.

Council are now accessing Class A recycled water from a dedicated fill point at the Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Recycled water is wastewater treated and disinfected to a safe standard for its intended purpose, providing a valuable alternative water source approved for a range of non-drinking uses.

For more than 14 years, recycled water has played an important role on Phillip Island in conserving drinking water and supporting environmental and economic outcomes.

Locally, Class A recycled water is used to water community gardens, a golf course, parks, and sporting fields, as well as for toilet flushing, car washing, agricultural irrigation, and stock watering.

Class A water is always in supply, regardless of climate or population factors and not subject to water restrictions.

By using Class A recycled water, we're also reducing the amount of treated effluent discharged to the ocean while supporting our green spaces, local roads, agriculture and the places the community enjoys.

For more information about Class A recycled water, visit <https://www.westernportwater.com.au/products-services/recycled-water/>

Quotes attributed to Dona Tantirimudalige, Managing Director Westernport Water

"We see recycled water as a key part of the region's future, supporting greener spaces, more resilient communities and a dependable water future. This partnership is a great example of what can be achieved when local organisations work together on a shared goal."

Quotes attributed to Brett Tessari, Mayor Cr Bass Coast Shire Council

"Class A recycled water gives our crews a reliable water source for activities like road grading, dust suppression and watering street trees, helping us keep work moving across Bass Coast."

"It's a practical way to use the right water for the right job while continuing to deliver the services our community expects."

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