

Waterwise tips for your garden

Now is a fantastic time to consider installing a subsurface watering system – they take the stress out of watering for both you and your garden.

These watering systems are neat, tidy and sustainable. They are easy to install and the Sustainable Gardening Australia subsurface irrigation installation guide (available at www.sgaonline.org.au) will help you make the most of your water.

These types of systems are generally best installed before the garden is planted out, although they can be laid in an existing garden.

Summer is also a great time to top up mulch on your gardens - especially if you are heading off on holidays during summer. A hot tip is to mulch after watering or good rainfall to a depth of about 7cm. Remember to keep mulch clear of plant stems, especially young seedlings.

Mulching can reduce evaporation of water from your soil by up to 70%.



Looking for the latest gardening products to help you be water wise this summer?

The **savewater!**® product library is the place for you!

The savewater!® product library is a free service dedicated to providing people with information about water saving products. This comprehensive information tool allows you to research, source and compare the latest and the best in water saving products for both inside and outside the home.

Visit www.savewater.com.au today to search for water saving products to match your budget and needs.

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Competition opening date:
9am Friday 1 October 2010

Competition closing date:
5pm Thursday 31 March 2011

Drawn:
Midday Monday 11 April 2011 at
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All winners will be emailed directly and published on www.savewater.com.au. Winners of prizes greater than \$100 will be published in The Australian on Saturday 16th April 2011.

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Get your new loo
Mira Dixon just upgraded her loo - find out how you can too!

City West Water is your water company. We are owned by the Victorian Government and provide water, sewerage, trade waste and recycled water services to over 300,000 residential and business customers in Melbourne's CBD and inner and western suburbs.

Welcome to the current edition of Making Waves. Be sure to see the enclosed Direct Debit brochure to find out how you could win your dream holiday!

Out with the old, in with the loo

Mira Dixon laughs when she says “I love my toilet!” but assures us it’s true. “It’s easy to clean, nice, new and sparkly - what’s not to love?”

The Hoppers Crossing mother of three and merchandiser recently upgraded her toilet through City West Water’s Toilet Replacement program. A crack in the cistern meant Mira’s old dual flush toilet was leaking and wasting water.

“My mum’s toilet was also leaking at the time so I told her about the City West Water program. She’d previously received a quote for around \$500 to get her toilet replaced. Through City West Water’s program, the same work could be done for \$284. So we both decided to sign up.

“It was easy to organise – I made a booking through the website and within half an hour I received a call to confirm the booking. On the day, the plumber arrived on time, was very polite and did a good job of fitting the toilet and cleaning up. The work was done within an hour. It was great.”



Let City West Water swap your single flush or inefficient dual flush toilet for a new Caroma 4-star toilet. With prices starting at \$284, a choice from three Australian made Caroma models and the convenience of recycling your old toilet, you’ll wonder why you hadn’t made the change earlier. See enclosed flyer for details or visit www.dualflush.com.au/cww.

Mira Dixon’s newly installed dual flush toilet.

Water Week Idol

Singing talent poured into the Williamstown Town Hall for the 2010 ‘Water Week Idol’ contest, which saw students from schools across the western suburbs in a “sing off” for this year’s title.

The annual event was part of National Water Week celebrations, with students performing songs about topics including water conservation, the water cycle and rivers and waterways.

This year’s winner, St Mary’s Primary School Williamstown, performed an edgy interpretation of ‘Water Smart Cities’ – the concept that aims to embed efficient and sustainable water use in urban areas as a way of life.

St Mary’s students were joined by Ascot Vale Special School, Kings Park Primary School, Merri Creek Primary School, St Martin de Porres Primary School and Williamstown Primary School in the contest.

Water Week Idol is a joint initiative of City West Water and Melbourne Water.



Students from St Mary’s Primary School Williamstown with Melbourne Water’s Vinnie the Platypus (left) and City West Water’s Wilbur the Waterdrop (right).

Blue Ribbon Day - remembering the fallen

Members of Victoria police and the local community came together at Whitten Oval in September to remember police members killed in the line of duty.

The day also saw the launch of a fundraising project initiated by Westgate Blue Ribbon Foundation Branch to renovate the Emergency Ward of the Western Hospital Footscray.

The committee is aiming to raise \$125,000 within 12 months.

The project will be named in honour of Senior Constable Timothy Lewczuk, a police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1997.

For further information on this project or to make a donation visit www.remember.org.au.



Attendees at Whitten Oval for Blue Ribbon Day.