

Media Release

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GRASS IS GREENER THANKS TO STORMWATER HARVESTING

The Allan Labor Government is helping to keep local sporting grounds in tip top condition while saving the equivalent of up to 40 Olympic sized swimming pools of drinking water.

Minister for Water Gayle Tierney today announced the completion of a stormwater harvesting system at Max Pawsey Reserve, which will keep the playing fields green all year round.

The \$5.3 million project in Narre Warren North will capture and divert 100 million litres of stormwater runoff that is then treated and used to irrigate parks, gardens and open spaces, helping to future-proof the community's recreational and sporting facilities.

Victoria's population is growing, putting pressure on our precious drinking water supply – that's why investing in new infrastructure to water our green spaces instead of using drinking water is so important.

Keeping sports grounds and open spaces green through the summer months will also ensure recreation and community events are available year-round for communities in the south-east while reducing demand for drinking water.

The project delivers several benefits for the Casey community, including improving waterway health by treating stormwater, removing rubbish and chemicals that would otherwise enter Port Phillip Bay, and establishing a cleaner landscape with more green open spaces.

Victoria's water corporations are delivering more than \$3.2 billion of works this financial year alone, delivering new water and wastewater infrastructure where it's needed most

This project was delivered in partnership with the City of Casey, South East Water and Melbourne Water.

For more information on recycled water systems, visit water.vic.gov.au/water-sources.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Gayle Tierney

"This project is an important investment in water security, as well as helping to improve and maintain a popular sports field and park for the Narre Warren community."

"Stormwater harvesting, along with desalinated water, recycled water, and water efficiency programs, are key to securing our water supplies for the future."

Quotes attributable to Member for Narre Warren North Belinda Wilson

"As our community continues to grow, re-using stormwater to irrigate local sporting fields will help men and women sporting teams of all ages use the green sporting fields all year round."