

Media Release

The Hon Harriet Shing MP

Minister for Water
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy
Minister for Equality



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MORE RECYCLED WATER KEEPING VICTORIA GREEN

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in more sustainable water sources like recycled water to ensure our parks and sporting facilities can stay green while saving our precious drinking water supply.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing today announced \$4.9 million across nine projects as part of the Integrated Water Management Grants program – including \$1.3 million for the Monterey Recycled Water Scheme in Frankston North.

The Frankston community will benefit from the new pipeline which will deliver high quality recycled water to green spaces including sports grounds, open space and a world-class golf course.

The new 2.3 km pipeline will deliver 73 megalitres – equivalent to 29 Olympic swimming pools – of water each year to three public sites, including football, cricket and soccer grounds and The National Golf Club – Long Island.

The pipeline has the potential to be extended in future to support local schools and additional community spaces and sporting facilities.

The Monterey Recycled Water Scheme will cost a total of \$4 million, part funded by South East Water, Frankston City Council and The National Golf Club – Long Island and is expected to be complete in 2024.

Other projects funded include:

- \$1.4 million for the Muddy Gates Stormwater Harvesting project which will supply treated stormwater to a greenfield development site near Clyde.
- \$450,000 to help construct a pipeline to supply Class B recycled water to irrigate the Apollo Bay Golf Course, and
- \$510,000 for a feasibility study for the reconfiguring of the Werribee and Bacchus Marsh irrigation system.

The funding is part of the Labor government's \$56.6 million investment towards the Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy, which sets out our long-term plan to improve water security, liveability, and waterway health for the next 50 years.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Harriet Shing

"Investment in recycled water infrastructure will deliver a secure water supply for open spaces to remain green during dry spells – creating better recreational outcomes for local communities."

"Building the new pipeline will diversify our water sources, helping to secure sustainable water supplies for our growing population."

Quote attributable to Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Michael Galea

"This great sustainable water project will deliver so many benefits to residents, sporting clubs and community groups in Frankston North allowing local facilities and community space to thrive all year round."

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Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

“Frankston is a growing suburb and this project will ensure we can keep our beautiful parks and sports grounds thriving all year round while saving our precious drinking water.”

Projects funded:

- Monterey Recycled Water Scheme - \$1,332,500
- Muddy Gates Stormwater Harvesting Scheme - \$1,400,000
- Myuna and Betula Reserve Stormwater Harvesting Scheme - \$570,000
- Apollo Bay Golf Course Recycled Water supply - \$450,000
- Mt Baw Baw Recycled Water Project - \$115,000
- Reconfiguring the Werribee system business case project - \$510,000
- Large Scale Alternative Water Grid – South-east: Business Case development - \$150,000
- Surf Coast Hinterland Concept Design and Business Case (Stage 1 Large-Scale Recycled Water and Stormwater Grid) - \$248,000
- Stormwater Harvesting in Northern and Western Geelong Growth Area - Concept Design - \$150,000