

Healing and caring for Country

In the last newsletter, I introduced our 2030 Strategy. I'd like to share with you some of the ways we are bringing that strategy to life.

Achieving zero carbon emissions is a major part of our 'healing and caring for Country' commitment. We are working across many fronts to reach this important goal – from generating our own renewable energy to investing in energy-efficient technology as we upgrade water services for the region.

Healing Country also means creating a healthy, sustainable and climate-resilient environment. The collaboration to revitalise Moonee Ponds Creek and connect communities is just one example of how we are improving and protecting our waterways.

I hope you can get out to enjoy our waterways and connect with others over spring and summer.

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Towards net zero

Our goal is to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030 – and we plan to get there by increasing our use of renewable energy and investing in innovative energy solutions.

Here's just a few projects we are working on:

- **Zero Emissions Water** – with 11 other water corporations, we buy clean electricity from a large-scale solar farm in Ouyen, amounting to around one-third of our total electricity use
- **Solar** – we're installing solar panels at Altona Treatment Plant, Werribee Recycled Water Plant, Ballan Road Tank Site and Little River Booster Pump Station
- **Virtual power plant** – we are exploring opportunities to operate Melton Recycled Water Plant as a virtual power plant that can generate and store its own electricity.



Upgrade to serve Gisborne's growth

We're upgrading the Gisborne Recycled Water Plant to better serve our growing community and protect the environment.

The plant is a vital community asset that treats wastewater from Gisborne, New Gisborne, Macedon and Mount Macedon. As the population in this region continues to grow, we'll have higher volumes of wastewater to manage.

The \$35 million upgrade will help us meet this challenge by turning wastewater into high-quality recycled water that can be used in agriculture and to water sports fields and recreation areas.

The new facility is expected to be operational by 2025.
Learn more at yoursay.gww.com.au/GisborneRWP

Tips to Target 155

It's gardening season and our days are getting warmer – but you can still help save Melbourne's precious drinking water. Target 155 encourages people to reduce their average water use to below 155 litres per person per day.

Get water saving tips at gww.com.au



Acknowledgement of Country

Greater Western Water respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters upon which we work and operate. We pay our deepest respects to the traditional custodians past, present and future.

A new sewer for Melbourne

After more than 120 years of service, our city's sewer network is being upgraded.

The pipes were built before Australia was a federation and they're still working – an amazing achievement. However, the system was designed for 1.5 million people, not five million and counting!

To keep delivering safe and reliable services to our city for generations to come, we are undertaking a

four-stage project to upgrade the sewer network.

Two stages are done, with two to go.

Stage 1 installed a 700 metre long sewer main under Spencer Street and stage 2 installed a 900 metre long sewer under Lonsdale Street.

Stage 3 will construct a new 700 metre sewer line under Elizabeth Street, from Victoria Street to Lonsdale Street.

Learn more at yoursay.gww.com.au/elizabeth-st



New standard to prevent blockages

Every year, we remove thousands of blockages from our sewer network.



These blockages are often caused when the wrong things are flushed down the toilet, which can also damage your household pipes and lead to costly plumbing repairs.

GWW, along with other water corporations, has contributed to a new Australian standard – the world's first – to clean up confusion about what can and can't be flushed.

So, as well as only flushing the 3Ps – pee, poo and toilet paper – you can now look out for a new flushable symbol on disposable products such as wet wipes. If there's no symbol, simply throw it into your bin.

Healthy waterways, thriving communities

Protecting our precious waterways matters more than ever before.

That's why GWW has re-committed to transforming Moonee Ponds Creek into an iconic waterway through the Chain of Ponds collaboration.

Chain of Ponds delivers projects that connect communities and protect the environment, such as building a pedestrian and cyclist bridge linking Essendon and West Brunswick, and naturalising the creek in Strathmore and Oak Park.

We've joined 12 organisations to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding

that extends the partnership for three years. Together we'll continue to revitalise the creek and its surrounds, making it a place for all to enjoy.

For the latest news and projects, visit chainofponds.org



We've got you covered from tap to toilet

As well as providing more than 121 billion litres of drinking water to homes and businesses each year, we collect more than 107 billion litres of wastewater. We collect, treat and recycle wastewater through our vast sewerage network:

- 6,400km of sewer mains
- 7 water filtration plants
- 141 pump stations
- 7 sewage treatment plants
- 10 recycled water plants



Preparing for bushfire season:

If you live in a bushfire-prone area, it's important to be prepared. Find your closest water hydrant and keep it clear for firefighters. Keep fresh tap water in drinking containers for emergencies. During a bushfire don't rely on mains water supply, the best option is to leave home early.

Get prepared at cfa.vic.gov.au

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