

savewater!® online competition

Thousands of dollars worth of water saving products up for grabs.

Visit www.savewater.com.au and answer a few questions to go in the draw!



want to be more water and energy efficient?

Visit the savewater!® product library

The savewater!® product library is a free service dedicated to providing people with information about water saving products. This comprehensive information tool helps you find the right products for your home, garden or business.

Want to monitor your garden water use this summer?

A quality tap timer allows you to set watering to suit the needs of your garden and match local water restrictions. Tap Timers help save water by reliably shutting water off at the tap, after a set period of time – helping you to never forget to turn off the tap off again.

For more information on tap timers, plus more great water-efficient products and ideas, visit www.savewater.com.au



Prizes for the online competition are kindly donated by: Austech Products Pty Ltd, Bosch Australia, Davey Water Products Pty Ltd, Electrolux Home Products Pty Ltd, Hughie Products Pty Ltd, Just Water Solutions Pty Ltd, Leafbusters Pty Ltd, Applied Water Technologies Pty Ltd, Methven Australia, NoWet Waterless Car Clean, Otter Group T/A Interbath, Pentair Water Australia Pty Ltd, Perfectflow Technology, Grundfos Pumps Pty Ltd, Tankworld Pty Ltd.

COMPETITION OPENING DATE: 9.00am (AEST) Monday 1 October 2012

COMPETITION CLOSING DATE: 5.00pm (AEDT) Friday 29 March 2013

DRAWN: Midday (AEDT) Monday 8 April 2013 at savewater!®, Level 1, 173 Burke Road, Glen Iris VIC 3146.

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 Friday 19 April 2013.

Further information

Clarence Valley Council is a proud member of the savewater!® Alliance Inc. – Australia's leading resource on water conservation and efficiency.

For more information on how to save water at home, work or school, visit www.savewater.com.au or contact Clarence Valley Council.



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All about your water meter



If you are on town water you will have a water meter, which is usually located at the front of the property. Water meters measure the amount of water used over time and are read by Council every 90 days or so.

It's good to know the location of your water meter because it has a stop tap. This can be used to cut off water flow to your house or property if you have a burst water pipe or major leak. You will also need to cut off water to the house if you are doing minor plumbing repairs such as replacing the washer in a leaking tap.

Your water meter is useful in helping you to manage water consumption and detect leaks. To check for leaks take the reading on your water meter then ensure no water is used for a set period of time, such as overnight or when you are away for a few days, and check the meter again. If there are no leaks the two readings will be the same.

Any water that passes through a water meter is billable to the owners even if it is due to a leak.

Rural Water Users

Many rural consumers have long runs of water pipes within their property, and these pipes are quite susceptible to being damaged or leaking. The pipe from the meter to the property

is considered to be a 'private service' where the owner of the property is responsible for all maintenance of the pipe after the meter.

Care of Your Water Meter

Staff from Council need to access your property regularly to read your water meter. Normally it only takes a few moments to read your meter but sometimes this simple job is made difficult or unsafe.

Every property owner has a responsibility to ensure that meter readers have reasonable access to the water meter on their property. Next time you are in the yard take a few moments to check the area around your meter. If needed, trim grass, bushes, tree limbs and move any debris to ensure there is a clear space around your water meter and please don't mulch over meters. Meters are often read from outside of your boundary so hedges need to be trimmed to allow for easy reading.

“Make sure that the area around your water meter is free of long grass, bushes, tree limbs and debris – the water meter reader appreciates your cooperation!”

South Grafton Primary School Accredited as a Waterwise School

South Grafton Primary School has joined the group of more than twenty Waterwise accredited schools in the valley. The Waterwise Schools Program teaches students all about water, and water conservation. It is the result of a partnership between Clarence Valley Council and Department of Education's Cascade Environmental Education Centre.



Consumption Charges 2012/13

Water, sewer and liquid trade waste consumption charges for accounts issued after 1 October 2012.

Residential consumption less than 1.233kl/day	\$1.57/kl
Residential consumption greater than 1.233kl/day	\$2.36/kl
Non-residential water consumption	\$1.57/kl
Untreated water consumption	\$0.79/kl
Non residential sewer generation charge	\$2.51/kl
Liquid trade waste usage charge – pre-treatment	\$2.38/kl
Liquid trade waste usage charge – no pre-treatment	\$20.64/kl

Water Restrictions

Clarence Valley Council currently has permanent level 1 water restrictions. This means that the use of sprinklers and fixed hoses is banned permanently between the hours of 9am and 4pm every day. However there are no restrictions on handheld hoses or water-efficient micro-irrigation.

CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL OFFERS 3 WAYS TO SAVE

Play your part in water efficiency. Clarence Valley Council is currently offering community members: new for old shower heads, rainwater tank and waterwise dual flush toilet suite replacement subsidies.