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CEO's Column

Welcome to the latest edition of Goulburn Valley Water News. As mentioned in previous editions of the GVW News the Authority is preparing a Water Supply Demand Strategy for each of our 40 water supply systems. The purpose of this strategy - GVW2055 A Sustainable Urban Water Future, is to balance the demand with the available water resource for the next 50 years. Community consultation has commenced, fact sheets are available on our website and the draft document will be made available for public comment in the coming months.

The drought has touched the lives of everyone in Victoria. In the Goulburn Valley, our farmers have historic low allocations for irrigation water affecting crops and industry. We supply urban water to 54 towns and cities across our region. Total urban water consumption is around 27,500 megalitres which represents about 2% of all water used in the Goulburn River Basin.

Almost 40% of all urban water used in the Goulburn Valley is reclaimed through our wastewater treatment processes and reused for irrigation of trees and crops or returned to the river as an environmental flow. 10,500 megalitres was beneficially reused in 2005/06, meaning that water is used once in an urban setting, and then used again for irrigation or environmental purposes.

Whilst our neighbours in Bendigo and Ballarat are experiencing their most severe water shortages ever we have enough water to continue supply in most of our towns for the summer. In towns where water resources are low water restrictions have already been introduced.

We have been actively working to reduce urban water usage for some years. We have reduced water losses in our distribution systems; undertaken water audits with our major industrial customers to identify water savings in their factories; delivered a community education program about saving water and introduced a permanent Water Conservation By-Law.

We congratulate our customers for using urban water responsibly. Over the past 4 years, water use in our 54 towns has dropped by 12% as a result of water savings in industry, sensible water use in and around the home and sticking to the permanent water conservation rules.

We urge all our customers to commit to responsible water use by designing sensible gardens with drought tolerant plants where you can, mulch your garden well to retain moisture, only water gardens when the plants need it and stick to the permanent water conservation rules. For more information on water saving ideas visit our website www.gvwater.vic.gov.au.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. If you have any feedback or would like additional information on any of the articles please contact Mary Connelly-Gale on (03) 5832 0471 or e-mail maryc@gvwater.vic.gov.au

Laurie J Gleeson
Chief Executive Officer



James Daniells in his front garden

Garden Developed During Water Restrictions Wins the 2006 Waterwise Garden Award

James & Julie Daniells with GVV CEO Laurie Gleeson

Waterwise gardening saves water, saves works, saves money and saves our environment, and now you can even win an award.

Kilmore residents James and Julie Daniells were awarded our 2006 Waterwise Garden Award. They were presented with a trophy, certificate and \$500.

This is the second year that the award has been conducted and it specifically targets our domestic customers. We congratulate James and Julie on winning our 2006 award, especially as this beautiful garden was established in Kilmore which has been on water restrictions since 2002.

All entries showed extremely good water conservation practices and our Chief Judge, Peter Stuart, formally of Billabong Nursery said that he could tell that James and Julie had considered water

conservation when designing their garden, selecting and grouping their plants and in the way they maintain their garden.

When our Public Relations Officer, Mary Connelly-Gale met with James and Julie she could tell that they were very keen on water conservation and really enjoyed their garden. "James and Julie are very passionate about their garden and really appreciate the birds and other wildlife that are attracted to their garden," she said. "They enjoy sitting in their dining room watching the Honeyeaters, Rosellas and Wattle Birds."

The Daniells moved to Kilmore three years ago and this was how they described their Waterwise garden.

"Our garden is three years old. We moved into our home and began turning clay and dust into a sustainable, easy, manageable garden.

We were at the high of water restrictions (stage 10) and knew the garden would need to survive on little water.

Thirty-five square metres of mulch was trailed from the Lancefield tip. Old carpet and cardboard was used to suppress weeds.

Native and native indigenous plants were sourced, as well as some reliable imports.

The garden survives on rain and runoff and has never been watered. It attracts many species of native birds, reptiles and a huge array of insects."

We don't expect that a waterwise garden will necessarily be a native garden, however in the case of the Daniell's it mostly consists of natives. We are looking for people who think about saving water both in the design stage of a new garden and when maintaining their existing garden.

This year we received 16 nominations from across the region, and we would also like to congratulate this year's runner-ups Cheryl Macansh from Rushworth and Dorothy Mudd also of Kilmore.

We plan to grow this award and would like to see each of our four regions with a finalist and the overall winner would be selected from these finalists. To do this we would like to work more closely with local nurseries and garden designers to increase the community awareness of waterwise principles in the garden design. If these principles are incorporated into the initial design of a garden, then on-going water savings are practically guaranteed. ❖



Recycled Water Field Day

Over the past decade Victoria has seen some significant changes in relation to the disposal of treated wastewater (recycled water) as a result of EPA regulation and the communities concerns about discharging recycled water into our waterways. There is now a greater focus on the implementation of recycling initiatives including agriculture, dual pipe schemes, sporting facilities and industrial reuse options.

In October, we hosted a Recycled Water Field Day at the Kilmore Wastewater Reuse Facility, which was co-ordinated

by the Department of Primary Industries. 38 people attended the day to find out about agricultural recycling initiatives, including cropping, dairying and grazing.

Participants at the field day were informed about the regulatory requirements, the EPA approval process for the use of recycled water and the additional control measures put in place as a result of community engagement at the Kilmore site. The day included a tour of the facility and an information session on the management of the site. Centre

pivot irrigation was chosen for this site because it operates at low pressure with large droplets resulting in reduced aerosol drift while applying recycled water evenly over the undulating surface. There are soil moisture sensors to ensure that the site is not over or under watered and a computer controlled irrigation system connected to a weather station that turns the centre pivot off when rainfall or wind speed reaches the set limits.

Sustainable irrigation practices are very important when irrigating with recycled water, requiring good irrigation scheduling which optimises the application of recycled water to balance both the water and nutrient application.

If you are interested in finding out more about our recycled water project you can contact our Recycling Co-Ordinator Stuart Harris via email on stuarth@gvwater.vic.gov.au. ❖



National Water Week Water Festival

National Water Week is an annual event held during October in each State and Territory across Australia. It encourages the community to get involved in protecting and conserving our precious water resources. The 2006 National Water Week Festival was once again a huge success in our catchment with a festival of events organised by the Goulburn/Broken National Water Week Committee.

In the lead up to National Water Week, primary school students from around the catchment were invited to participate in an environmental show staged by the performing arts group, Vox Bandicoot. The two week long tour travelled to Shepparton, Kyabram, Alexandra, Benalla, Cobram, Numurkah and Seymour. In all, 27 shows were performed to an audience of almost 4,000 students from 37 schools - a huge effort on everyone's behalf!

As part of the show, students were asked to develop a short skit or community announcement about an important environmental issue in their area with the chance to win a prize for their school. Vox Bandicoot judged this competition and was very impressed with the high standard of skits performed by all schools. Some very elaborate costuming and choreography was on display along with some important water messages.

Congratulations must also go to all of the willing teachers and students who became part of the show and especially Orrvale Primary School for their winning skit "Water Saving Logies". Pyalong PS and Benalla East PS took out 2nd and 3rd prizes for their skits. A big thank you to all schools that participated and contributed to the shows. Your performances made the tour a huge success. Special thanks must go to Vox Bandicoot for their hard work over two weeks, and to Resource GV who co-sponsored the tour with us.

Officially, National Water Week

commenced on Sunday 15th October with free boat cruises on the wetlands at Tahbilk Winery near Nagambie, and a canoe tour along the Goulburn River at Shepparton. Participants on the canoe tour heard Koori stories about this section of Goulburn waterway and studied the aquatic invertebrates and birdlife with the help of expert tour guides. Waterwatch volunteer water testers from around the catchment celebrated Water Week on the beautiful King Parrot Creek near Flowerdale with a day of water testing and macro-invertebrate sampling.

Wetland and river walks were also popular during Water Week with around 200 people attending river and wetland walks in Yea, Mansfield, Numurkah and Seymour. A Mini Catchment Tour provide locals in the Shepparton area with the opportunity to learn about Goulburn Valley Water's water treatment and wastewater processes, Goulburn-Murray Water's new "Total Channel Control" irrigation infrastructure and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's river management projects. The week concluded with a tour to Mount Buller for 60 participants to learn about the effect of snow melt on native vegetation, and water and wastewater management on the mountain.

The Water Week Awards Night was held on Wednesday 18th October in Shepparton with around 200 people attending. The winners of all Water Week Competitions were announced and guests were treated to a wonderful display of artwork and culture that included the Water Mural and a performance of the winning skit by Orrvale Primary School students. All who attended were kept entertained throughout the night by MC's John Gooderham and Ed Tsyrlin.

The school competitions proved to be popular again this year with over 300 entries in the poster competition and 200 entries in the Create-A-Critter competition.

Competition winners were:

Poster Competition

James Thomas from Benalla West P.S. was the overall Poster Competition winner.

Nicole Hayne from Seymour East P.S. - Winner Grade 5/6 Category

Charlie Duncan from Kinglake P.S. - Runner up Grade 5/6 Category

Gemma Keating from Benalla West P.S. - Winner Grade 3/4 Category

Rebecca Smith from Mansfield P.S. - Runner up Grade 3/4 Category

Annamarie Pavelik from Katamatite P.S. - Winner Grade 1/2 Category

Caleb Douglas from Mooroopna P.S. - Runner up Grade 1/2 Category

Jack Hyatt from Thornton P.S. - Winner Prep Category

Nelle Cousins from Mansfield P.S. - Runner up Prep Category

Create a Critter Competition

1st - **Rhiannon Stute from Seymour East P.S.**

2nd - **Rachel Ford from Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Shepparton**

3rd - **Jack Sundblom from Yea P.S.**

The community again embraced the writing and photographic competitions in 2006 with over 500 entries being received for both competitions. In the writing competition, the community was asked to submit fiction and non fiction stories about waterways that could focus on swimming holes, fishing days, floods and dramas, picnics and boating.

The photographic competition invited the community to submit photographs depicting the rivers and creeks of the Goulburn Broken catchment. The competition was open to all ages and contained three categories: Best Historical Shot, Best Recreational Shot, and Best Nature Image.

River Yarns Writing Competition

Winner Open - Vikki Bye with her story titled "Undesirable"

Runner Up Open - Joel Pearce with his story titled "The Dog Milker"

Highly Commended Open - Josephine McQueen with her story titled "Did you leave the hose on Poppa?"

Winner Junior - Jessica Cornall with her story titled "The Murray"

Runner Up Junior - Melanie Taylor with her story titled "Memories of a Lake"

Highly Commended Junior - Breanna DeMarchi with her story titled "Our Acheron River Holiday"

Rhiannon Stute Seymour East P.S.
- **Winner Create-A-Critter**

Amateur Photography Award

Best Historical Image Winner - Shelley Straw with her photograph of Polly McQuinn's Strathbogie

Best Historical Image Runner Up - Rita Jenkins with her photograph of the Goulburn River at Toolamba

Best Nature Image Winner - Peter Ward with his photograph of Gooram Falls

Best Nature Image Runner Up - Jayne Henderson with her photograph of Lake Eildon

Best Recreation Shot Winner - Joanne Lyons with her photograph of the Murray River

Best Recreation Shot Runner Up - Pauline Roberts with her photograph of the Goulburn River

In addition to the community and school competitions, organisations that sponsored National Water Week also presented awards.

Waterwise Garden Award - GVW

Winner - James & Julie Daniells of Kilmore

Runner up - Dorothy Mudd of Kilmore

Runner up - Cheryl Macansh of Rushworth

Best Practice Irrigation Management on Farm Award - G-MW

Winner - Kain Richardson

Runner up - Chris Harrison

Highly Commended - John, Rodney & Philip Pike

Commitment to Natural Resource Management on a Goulburn Broken Waterway Award - GBCMA

Winner - Tait & Annette Hamilton

Runner up - Stuart Belcher

Runner up - John Broadhurst

Runner up - Rupert & Lorna Fawcett

Building Industry Award - Good Practice in Stormwater Management - City of Greater Shepparton

Winner - David Moore

Runner up - Jim Bassini (Dennis Family Homes)

Water Week activities could not occur without the support of our sponsors and committee; Goulburn Valley Water, Goulburn Broken Waterwatch, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Goulburn-Murray Water, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, Resource GV and City of Greater Shepparton.

Thanks to everyone involved with the various events during the week and we look forward to an even bigger National Water Week in 2007. ❖



Jack Hyatt - Thornton P.S.
winner - Prep Category Poster Competition

Poster Competition
Best Historical Image

A Regional Water Supply Project

A new \$3.6 million water treatment plant at Alexandra is currently under construction. This new plant has been designed to meet the future growth of Alexandra, Eildon and Thornton for the next 50 years.

We currently operate three separate treatment plants at Eildon, Thornton and Alexandra and although they generally comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Eildon and Thornton have on occasion not complied with various requirements. As a result these treatment plants require upgrading. When obtaining quotes for the new Alexandra water treatment plant it was only \$73,000 more to upgrade the capacity to allow for Eildon and Thornton.

A proposal was put to the Authority's Board to supply drinking water to Eildon and Thornton via a pipeline from Alexandra. This proposal was approved by the Board and was submitted to the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Department of Treasury and Finance for approval. The approval has been received and our project engineers will be discussing aspects of the project with the Eildon, Thornton and Alexandra communities.

This project will provide the upper Goulburn region with a secure high quality water supply for our future generations. If you would like more information on the project please contact our Senior Engineer Daniel Hughes on 5832 0466.

The Great Goulburn Broken Mural Project

The mural was an art project with a river health focus that involved 36 primary schools from across the Goulburn/Broken region. Each school received two blank boards with instructions to decorate one with a "healthy river" and one with a "polluted river". Boards were distributed with small marks indicating where their river was to start and finish. The students were permitted to decorate their boards to their heart's content using as many recycled materials as possible.

When all the boards were fitted together, the final 25 by 2 metre mural was a spectacular sight. A few problems were encountered in organising this activity including upside down boards, transportation and board mounting problems and some slight breakages. We found it difficult to hang a flat piece of artwork on a wall without the help of a few tubes of super glue!

Thank you to all participating schools. What a magnificent result for the schools involved! The mural has been on display at the SPC Ardmona Factory Sales for three weeks during November. Our plan is to find additional venues for displaying the work. However, it will depend upon the availability space at potential venues as to the possibility of touring this stunning work.

GVW2055 - A Sustainable Urban Water Future

Goulburn Valley Water is working on a water supply demand strategy for the region to ensure a balance between demand for water and available water resources over the next 50 years. Our plan is called *GVW2055 - A sustainable urban water future*.

What is GVW2055?

All urban water authorities in Victoria are required by Government to produce a Water Supply Demand Strategy, to integrate the concepts of using water wisely, while supporting growing communities.

In the preparation of *GVW2055* we have taken into account the potential impacts that global climate change may have on both the future availability and demand for water. Estimates of population growth, by town, have been used as a basis for determining growth in demand. Future growth in demand by industry has also

been included.

GVW2055 will include actions to reduce the annual water use per person, as well as more efficient water use by industry. Some additional water will also be needed so that overall future demand can be met whilst allowing for a likely reduction in availability of water from the current sources of supply as result a of climate change.

The *GVW2055* strategy aims to cover the following elements:

- Balancing Water Supply And Demand;
- Reducing Water Demand;
- Recycling And Using Alternative Supplies; and
- Securing Our Urban Water Supplies.

To find out more about *GVW2055*, visit our website www.gvwater.vic.gov.au or email gvw2055@gvwater.vic.gov.au.



The Central Operations & Maintenance Group, is responsible for three work groups, being the Central Operations and Maintenance, Property Services and the 24 hour Customer Service Centre.

In this edition of the newsletter a brief description of the Property Services roles and activities are explained.

Property Service Unit.

Tony Nolan has now joined the property services unit as the team leader and combines these duties with his current role as the regional Purchasing Officer. The other members of the team consist of Adrian Anderson, Brendan Espange, Kylie Turnbull and Maria Wiedemann, and Kellie Pell is on maternity leave and is about to return in a part time role.

The property service staff activities include:

- Customers enquires at the Shepparton Operations Centre;
- All new water and sewerage connections for the region;
- Issuing of plumbing Industry Commission numbers for new plumbing works;
- Issuing of drainage plans as required;
- Flow & pressure testing;
- Building approvals and building indemnities for structures;
- Handling water and sewerage by agreement applications; and
- Supporting the 24 hours customer service centre.

All staff operate well as a small but effective team supplying an excellent service to our customers.

The direct line to Property Service is 1800 064 714 or 5832 0600, please feel free to call if you need any information or assistance.

I would like on their behalf to thank you the customers for you assistance and cooperation over the past 12 months and I'm sure this will continue into the future.

By Neville Whittaker
Central O&M

A Historic Sustainability Accord



In September 2006 we became part of a historic sustainability accord, signed by leading Victorian organisations and the Victorian Government called Grow Me the Money.

We are proud to be part of this historic project. The accord is a formal agreement between the government, academic and private sector to work together to create a more sustainable future for Victoria. It is the initiative of VECCI and EPA's with an aim of helping the environment and the bottom line of participating business."

We were included in this accord because we are leaders in sustainable resource management in regional Victoria. We are currently working closely with the promoters to pilot a project in the Goulburn Valley which should be launched in early 2007.

There are a number of benefits to businesses who participate in this project including

- helping business to reduce energy, water and material volume and cost in production;
- reducing wastes throughout the production process; and
- increasing the business bottom line.

We will also see a number of benefits, such as a reduction in demand on our potable water supply and less trade waste coming into our wastewater management facilities which will extend the life of our facilities.

Signatories to the Victorian Sustainability Accord were:

Hon. Steve Bracks MP, Premier of Victoria
Mr Richard Pratt AC, Chairman of Visy

The Hon. Steve Bracks MP, Premier of Victoria, Mr Richard Pratt AC, Chairman of Visy and Laurie Gleeson, Chief Executive Goulburn Valley Water signing the Victorian Sustainability Accord.

Mr Neil Coulson, CEO, Victorian Employees' Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr Mick Burke, Chairman, EPA Victoria
Rt Hon. John So, Lord Mayor of Melbourne
Mr Geoff Gardiner, General Manager Service Sustainability, City West Water
Mr Geoff Mabbett, Chief Executive, Sustainability Victoria
Mr Laurie Gleeson, Chief Executive, Goulburn Valley Water
Prof Richard Larkins AO, Vice Chancellor, Monash University
Mr Peter Buzzard, Chairman, Sustainable Melbourne Fund.

Signatories to the accord will:

- Share information and experience to assist in aligning business growth with improved environmental and social outcomes;
- Assist small and medium size businesses to become more resource efficient through mentoring and marketing support from the Grow Me The Money program;
- Benchmark best practice sustainability and efficiency standards across Government and industry; and
- Seek to use cooperation and incentive to drive improved sustainability rather than rely only on regulations.



Central Wastewater

The Shepparton Wastewater Management Facility (WMF) has the task of treating and recycling wastewater from Shepparton. Several large trade waste customers contribute to this stream including Campbell's and SPC-Ardmonda. The treatment part of the process is very important but the reuse aspect is also very important.

Reuse of the recycled water is done by two methods. The first method is via irrigation of the Shepparton WMF Farm "Elderslie Park".

Irrigation of permanent pasture and tree plantations is carried out with a view to long term sustainability. While the current drought has seen most farms in the district suffer we are in the fortunate position of having a fairly constant, though not unlimited, supply of reclaimed water. "Elderslie Park" produces lambs for the meat market. Cattle are also fattened on the property and significant volumes of hay are produced for sale. Goulburn Valley Water aims to maximise the volume of reclaimed water used for irrigation as this is seen to benefit both the environment and the Authority.

The second method involves treatment through a tertiary treatment works followed by the beneficial return to the Goulburn River. This is mainly done when it is not possible to irrigate with the water, typically during winter.

Remember, please try to reduce, reuse and recycle. If we all do our part we all benefit. ❖

By Darren Sharman
Central Wastewater



South East

Welcome to this addition of my column. The worst drought in at least the last 100 years is upon us and our water supplies are precious. Now is a timely reminder to be wise in the way we use our water so we can get through this and beyond. Shire Councils and Goulburn Valley Water are working together to try and ease the impact on all of us.

Significant projects for the area are:

- The first sod will be turned this month for the new water treatment plant at Alexandra.
- The new operations centre is up and running on the Maroondah Highway at Alexandra.
- The addition of filters to the Yea water treatment plant is about to start.

The South East team have completed their winter and spring maintenance programs. This has involved the cleaning out and washing down of all sewer pump stations, cleaning up around raw water storages and the flushing of reticulation systems.

The focus this quarter is on maintaining water supplies to our towns over the summer months, and maintaining water quality to our customers.

Several drought response meetings have been organised by relevant Shire Councils. Anyone experiencing difficulty with stock water issues can contact their local Councils or Goulburn Valley Water for advice.

Just a final plea to all to use water wisely and abide by the restrictions that are relevant to your town. Our water conservation by-law is still in force in all our towns unless otherwise advertised. ❖

By Ken Turner
South East



South West

At this time of year and in the midst of water shortages we need to share some of our water initiatives with our customers.

The two Shires which cover the South West Region, being Mitchell and Strathbogie, will be installing extra water standpipes for drought relief access. Normal standpipes will be reserved for the commercial carriers who usually operate with tankers in excess of 10,000 kilolitres. These will be still used for water cartage to fill household tanks on rural properties.

The drought relief standpipes will be erected in different locations to the commercial standpipes, for access by farmers for stock water. These extra standpipes will assist the many farmers who will need to cart stock water in small amounts. The standpipes will be owned and managed by the municipality and only used during drought periods. One of these standpipes already exists in the industrial estate at Seymour. They also have some drought relief ground water bores in other locations throughout the shire which are the responsibility of the Shire and not Goulburn Valley Water.

The other initiative of note is the use of reclaimed water for fire fighting purposes. We have entered into arrangements with the various districts CFA units to allow access to designated recycled water storages for aerial water bombing. With small farm dams suffering due to lack of rain, the recycled water storages will be a valuable addition water resource available. All the appropriate sites have been identified on maps and will be passed on to the respective CFA units. ❖

By Neil Healy
South West



Northern District

The drought conditions continue across the State and water usage is drawing a lot of publicity. The Northern district has fielded a number of inquiries regarding water saving measures. The manner in which our customers have embraced our permanent water conservation rules has been pleasing. A reminder that the conservation requirements involve not using sprinklers and spray irrigation systems during the hours of 10.00am and 5.00pm each day, no hosing down of any hard stand areas, trigger devices on all hoses when washing vehicles and that the conservation requirements apply all year round. There are currently no staged water restrictions in the Northern District. I encourage customers to continue to use water wisely to help conserve this valuable resource.

Extensive works have occurred at the Cobram Wastewater Management Facility including the lasering of 90 hectares, channel forming, new regulators, irrigation stops, collection sump and associated infrastructure. The majority of these works are nearly complete. The focus is now on pasture management with a planned, summer crop of millet for stock and hay production. Irrigation is proposed to commence early December which will facilitate the use of the 500 megalitres currently stored in the winter storage. These improved works will allow us to utilise all recycled water more effectively.

All Northern staff are anxiously awaiting the completion of the project and the significant benefits it will bring.

The Nathalia wastewater management facility upgrades have been completed. At this site we are providing recycled water to a neighbouring irrigation farmer. He is using a centre pivot irrigation to establish a lucerne crop.

The majority of works at the Katamatite Water Treatment Plant involving the construction of an additional raw water lagoon and associated infrastructure have also been completed. Work has also occurred to improve the water reticulation booster pump system. This will greatly assist in improving the quality of the town's supply and our ability to perform routine maintenance.

Our operators and contractors have completed upgrade works to a number of sewer pump stations throughout the Northern area. These upgrades have consisted of new pump installations, switchboards, internal pipework, signage and general site works. These works are designed to ensure optimum performance of these facilities. ❖

By Mark Putman
Northern



Central Water

Over the last three months we have been very busy at Central Water working on projects that will continue to improve the reliability of our plants. Upgrade works have been completed on one of the Shepparton Water Treatment Plants which improved both the quality and quantity of water produced. We have commissioned a new Raw Water Storage at Katandra West to meet growth in demand during the winter

when irrigation channels do not operate. New high lift pumps have been installed at Tongala which has improved performance in filling the tower as well as being more efficient than the old pumps therefore saving on energy costs.

Other items have been renewal of 600mm diameter flow meter at Shepparton and replacement of a flow meter and valves at our Old Dookie Road Storage. We are also currently focusing on creating a preventative maintenance system that will better maintain those items of a critical nature. We have upgraded the Colbinabbin and Katandra West water towers and improved the power supply at Corop.

As part of our team we have an accredited Water Quality Sampler who has the task

of taking water samples each week in each town and delivering the samples to our independent laboratory for testing.

Over the last few months we have enjoyed having School educational visits from Mooroopna Secondary College, Mooroopna Park Primary, Unera Primary and GO TAFE.

With the warm weather patterns continuing demand is at the highest level for October for at least the last 9 years, I want to encourage everyone to be diligent in water conservation so that we can minimise our impact on the Goulburn River and other water resources. ❖

By Garry McGraw
Central Water