

Councils rewarded for saving water

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Four Councils shared \$27,500 of water conservation awards at the second annual Council Water Challenge luncheon on Friday 15 February 2008.

South East Water presented the awards to City of Kingston, City of Stonnington, City of Knox and City of Frankston to recognise and reward their work in adopting sustainable water practices.

South East Water Acting Chief Executive Officer, Kate Vinot said as a major consumer of water, local government play a critical role in sustainable water resource management.

“South East Water congratulates the winning councils and will continue to support and recognise the great work local government is doing”, she said.

The ‘Council Water Challenge’ was open to each of the 15 municipal councils/shires operating within South East Water’s operational boundaries. Submissions were accepted at the end of 2007, culminating to the awards presentation luncheon at Hemisphere Conference Centre on Friday February 15, 2008.

South East Water provided grants to prize winners in two categories; Corporate and Community. Grants included a combination of financial and in-kind service support from South East Water, with a total prize pool of \$35,000.

City of Kingston took the \$10,000 first prize in the corporate category for their water conservation initiatives on the Waves Leisure Centre project, estimated to save 21 million litres of water a year.

The City of Stonnington was awarded second prize for saving 16 million litres of water per year through the installation of various water saving fixtures and through the implementation of ‘Prahran Market Management’.

Knox City Council claimed third prize in the corporate category for potentially saving 2 million litres of water per annum.

2007 winner of the Community Category was Frankston City Council for their community education program saving an estimated 38 million litres of water per year.

Attendees at the Hemisphere function room included Mayors and other representatives of key councils in South East Water’s service area.

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