



Town Crier

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SAVING OUR COMMUNITY'S WATER

The Hawker Community Sports Centre with assistance from the Australian Government's Community Water Grants commenced its project to save water with a major successful working bee on Sunday 24 February.

Up to 11 volunteers were present from 8am till mid afternoon to lay a new 50mm polypipe from Keogh's through the golf course and onto the Hawker Community Sports Centre.



Until 1998 mains water was used primarily to water the synthetic bowling green and shrubs and to service toilets in the clubhouse. Grass was gradually being established in front of and around some of the blacks on the golf course. The Centre was fortunate in being able to secure a long term lease of the bore on what was at the time Don Calliss' property. The Centre erected a large tank near the bore and laid a polypipe all the way to the clubhouse. The Centre made immediate and continuing large savings on the cost of this independent water supply. However, the polypipe proved to be a headache for all concerned. Constant leaks resulted in much water being wasted, let alone much work for our volunteers. The frequency of the leaks has increased in recent times and we have had to rely on mains water to maintain the bowling green, golf course, cricket area and the lawn.



The Sports Centre received \$8750 in Round 2 of Community Water Grants. We are proud to work together with the Australian Government to help improve water efficiency within our community.

Community Water Grants encourage better water use and improvements in water quality through practical on-the-ground projects, such as reducing pollutants reaching our waterways, and water recycling and efficiency initiatives. Community Water Grants is part of the \$2 billion Australian Government Water Fund. Water savings, recycling and treatment projects that demonstrate community involvement and a clear public benefit are eligible for funding up to \$50,000.

For more information about Community Water Grants visit www.australia.gov.au/communitywatergrants or phone 1800 780 730.

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