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Water essential for Eco Living

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Over the weekend, South East Water employees attended the Mornington Peninsula Eco Living Festival to share water saving ideas for a sustainable future.

“Water is a finite and valuable resource, so responsible environmental management is key,” South East Water Managing Director Shaun Cox said.

“Our focus is on securing sustainable water supplies for our communities now and for future generations.”

At the Eco Living Festival, Mornington residents had the opportunity to win shower timers, drip spikes and other handy water-saving devices in return for showing their water knowledge at the Great Wall of Buckets.

South East Water gave a presentation to the community focusing on what residents can do to reduce water consumption and save money on their water bills, including:

- Taking advantage of South East Water’s toilet replacement program
- Installing a rainwater tanks
- Checking for household leaks by taking regular meter readings
- Tips for saving water around the home in the shower, laundry and garden

More information and water saving ideas are available from www.southeastwater.com.au

Many residents also shared their own great water saving ideas at the Eco Living Festival.

Around 11 schools on the Mornington Peninsula participate in the *Water - Live It! Learn It! (WLiLi)* program, which teaches young people about the importance of water and about its sustainable use.

WLiLi is a government funded accreditation program which encourages water conservation as a focus in schools, including education, awareness and changing everyday behaviours at school to save water.

South East Water is committed to providing sustainable water solutions for customers on the Mornington Peninsula, including water saving ideas for homes and businesses, tinkering services and access to recycled water.

Many resident in the Mornington Peninsula Council area are already applying the water saving message; with an average household using just 371 litres of water per day.

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