

MEDIA RELEASE

Stormwater for Bayswater

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South East Water congratulates Knox Council and Siemens for their commitment to saving water. Their partnership has produced a \$529,000 project to harvest stormwater in Bayswater, which will save approximately 19 million litres of water each year.

Water captured from Siemens' Mountain Highway site will be pumped 1.3km to a tank at Marie Wallace Bayswater Park and will be treated before being used for irrigation on the oval.

"South East Water is working with businesses, councils and communities to adopt Integrated Water Management, which will help provide sustainable water solutions for the future," South East Water Managing Director Shaun Cox said.

"By using stormwater to meet the oval's watering needs, valuable drinking water is being saved while making the most of water that would otherwise end up in the sewer."

South East Water contributed \$25,000 to the project as part of its commitment to work with businesses and communities to find innovative water solutions.

The stormwater tank has been fitted with South East Water's HydroShare technology which will allow the stormwater in the tank and its use to be monitored remotely by a web-based reporting system. This will help everyone involved in the project monitor the tank's water level and gauge how often the oval should be watered over summer, based on the amount of stormwater available.

"Integrated Water Management includes finding stormwater, greywater and recycled water solutions to maintain green spaces and sporting grounds to benefit local communities, while saving valuable drinking water.

"This stormwater harvesting project is a perfect example of how Integrated Water Management can work."

The Federal and State governments have also contributed funding to the project.

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