

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Great Southern communities set to save with free waterwise offers.

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*Residents of 21 Great Southern communities can now take advantage of free water-saving offers as part of Water Corporation's 2023-24 Waterwise Towns Program, which saved more than three million litres of water across the region last year.*

- 21 Great Southern towns eligible for free water-saving offers.
- Water Corporation's Waterwise Towns Program to reach record 47 regional towns.
- Program supports regional households to save water and reduce bills.
- More than three million litres of water saved across the Great Southern last year.

Residents of 21 Great Southern communities can now take advantage of free water-saving offers as part of Water Corporation's 2023-24 Waterwise Towns Program, which saved more than three million litres of water across the region last year.

The annual program, which is available in a record 47 communities State-wide, provides tailored offers to help regional Western Australians reduce water use and lower their bills.

Water Corporation customers in each eligible Great Southern community can now exchange two old, inefficient showerheads for waterwise alternatives under a free Showerhead Swap program.

In addition, residents in each participating town will be able to claim a rebate for the purchase of a new rainwater tank, or to plumb in or replace an existing tank.

Those in Esperance and Albany will also benefit from comparative water use showing how their consumption compares to others.

Since 2013, the Waterwise Towns Program has saved 1.8 billion litres of scheme water State-wide, helping support the long-term security of WA's most valuable resource.

Plumbing and irrigation services are limited, with registrations open until 1 May 2024, unless allocations are exhausted earlier. Showerhead Swap is available until 31 May 2024, while stocks last.

For more information or to apply, please visit [watercorporation.com.au/waterwiseoffers](https://watercorporation.com.au/waterwiseoffers).

#### Comments attributed to Water Minister Simone McGurk:

"This is a great opportunity for local residents to take advantage of free waterwise offers that have helped save billions of litres of drinking water across regional communities since 2013.

"In the Great Southern, the Waterwise Towns program helped save more than three million litres of water last year alone.

"The impacts of climate change are being felt in Southern WA, which is why we all share a responsibility to be as waterwise as possible – every drop counts.

**Comments attributed to Albany MLA Rebecca Stephens:**

"There are plenty of free water-saving initiatives available for Albany residents, so there's no excuse not to save water.

"Whether it's a showerhead swap, rainwater tank rebate or irrigation service, these offers will not only conserve water, they'll help you save money too."

**Comments attributed to Agricultural Region MLC Shelley Payne:**

"I urge residents to get on board and find out what opportunities they have to save water.

"In our drying climate it's never been more important for all of us to play our part in protecting our water supply."

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*Attachment 1: Eligible Great Southern 2023-24 Waterwise communities*

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<b>Town</b>	<b>Offers</b>
Albany	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate, Irrigation Service, Plumbing Service, Comparative Water Use Letters
Bremer Bay	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Cranbrook	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Denmark	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Esperance	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate, Comparative Water Use Letters
Hopetoun	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Kendenup	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Lake King	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Lake Grace	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Mount Barker	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Munglinup	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Narrikup	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Newdegate	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Nyabing	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Pingrup	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Porongurup	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Ravensthorpe	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Salmon Gums	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Varley	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Walpole	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate
Wellstead	Showerhead Swap, Rainwater Tank Rebate