

School Water Tank Program Information

Wyong Shire Council

- To be eligible to receive a free rainwater tank, schools have to meet a number of criteria including:
 - Having in place a 'Water Wise Policy' which requires initiatives such as spring loaded taps on playground bubblers, vandal proof taps to ensure they can't be left on, installation of dual flush toilets and gardens that are mulched to help retain moisture.
 - Incorporating 'Water Wise' educational activities into the overall curriculum. To make this as easy as possible, Wyong Shire Council provides participating schools with a range of information on relevant web sites offering teacher resources on water management as well as fact sheets and other materials for students.
- Eligible schools will receive from Wyong Council:
 - A free 10,000 litre rainwater tank
 - Installation of the tank on an appropriate concrete slab
 - All required plumbing to ensure the water tank works efficiently
 - Provision of a water pump to allow maximum flexibility for use of the collected rainwater
- For more information on Wyong Shire Council's Schools Rainwater Tank program contact the Council on 4350 5555 or visit www.wyong.nsw.gov.au
- To date 14 schools have received a free 10,000 litre rainwater tank including:
 - Berkeley Vale Public School
 - Bateau Bay Public School
 - Brooke Avenue Public School
 - Lake Munmorah High School
 - Gwandalan Public School
 - Wyong Public School
 - Wadalba Community School
 - Wyong High School
 - Mannering Park Public School
 - Toukley Public School
 - St Mary's Toukley
 - St John Fisher Tumbi
 - Our Lady at Rosary The Entrance
 - Kanwal Public School

All six Council-run childcare centres also now have rainwater tanks installed.

For more details and an application form contact Ken Brookes on (02) 4350 5220.

Gosford City Council

- A total of 10 schools per annum will be awarded a water saving grant of \$5,000 each.
- The grants are available to all local high schools, primary schools, and non-profit child care centres and pre-schools.
- Schools will be required to provide evidence of:
 - A water education program
 - How the water saving project will fit in with this water education program
 - Details of a leakage audit undertaken at the school
 - Details of the proposed project including description, drawings and quotes
 - How the project will be promoted to the school community
- Each year schools will be publicly notified that the next round of funding is available
- If the program receives more than 10 applications per year, the cost effectiveness of the proposed projects and how much water will be saved will be additional factors that will determine which schools are successful.
- To help schools with their applications, Council has developed three 'Water Saving in Schools' projects. Each school will have to decide which project they want to implement and include site specific details in their application
- The three water saving project options include:
 - Smart Water Meter;
 - Waterless Urinal;
 - Rainwater tank connected to a toilet block.
- Alternatively, schools can develop their own water saving project.
- The application process will include a walk through water audit of the school
- For schools that need help to determine which project is best for them, Council will visit the school and provide advice on the best water saving option. Schools wanting more information should contact Jennifer Lee on 4368 1933 for any assistance.
- An application form can be downloaded from www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and faxed to Maree Whelan at Gosford Council when complete on (02) 4323 2477