

Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan Waterwise Perth Action Plan 2

This is a bi-annual newsletter to provide updates from actions within the plan. To be featured please send a submission to waterwise@dwer.wa.gov.au

Action updates

State Groundwater Investigation Program

Attendees at the Recharge Estimation Collaboration field day at Whiteman Park gained a better understanding of why groundwater recharge estimation is important, and were shown demonstrations of equipment to estimate recharge. “A good understanding of recharge is important to manage our groundwater systems, particularly in the face of climate change, which is causing less rainfall and disproportionately less recharge,” said DWER’s



Joel Hall, Principal Environmental Modeller, who manages the Recharge Estimation Collaboration Project.

For more, visit [Collaboration on the importance of groundwater recharge estimation \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

Recognition for waterwise winners

The state's leading waterwise councils, developments, businesses, buildings and aquatic centres were highlighted at the annual Waterwise Recognition Event on 4 May 2023, which celebrates excellence in sustainability and water-saving practices. These Waterwise Programs help preserve WA's water supplies – for example, the Waterwise Business Program has saved a whopping 135 billion litres of water since 2007. Water Minister Simone McGurk congratulated all award recipients for their work to create more climate-resilient and liveable communities.

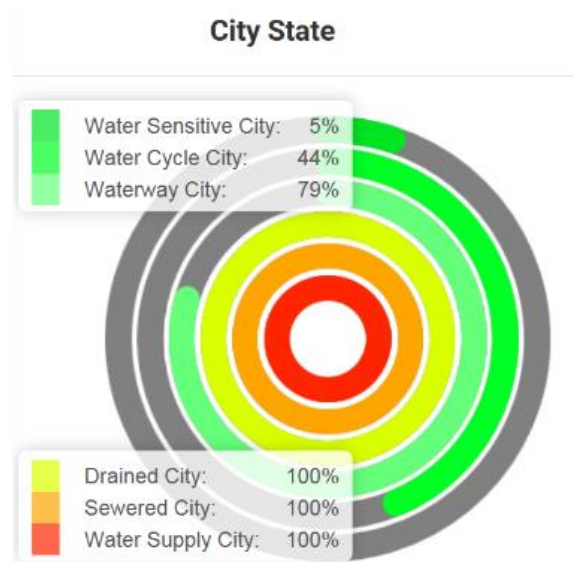


There's more on the award recipients at [Water Corporation's website](#)

How water sensitive is my city?

The Town of East Fremantle has become the 25th local government in Western Australia to assess and enhance its urban water management performance via the Water Sensitive Cities Index tool. A benchmarking workshop was conducted on 27 April 2023, which brought together representatives from the town, community, businesses, and state agencies. Participants discussed and evaluated 34 indicators that characterise a water sensitive city. The benchmarking process offers the valuable advantage of fostering a collective understanding of East Fremantle's water management practices, while also identifying priority actions necessary for the transformation of the town into a water sensitive city.

For more, read the [Town of East Fremantle's article](#)



Waterwise Garden Workshops

Water Corporation partnered with The Forever Project to host a series of Waterwise Garden Workshops as part of the [Perth Garden and Outdoor Living Festival](#) from 11–14 May 2023. A total of 20 waterwise talks were delivered throughout the show and featured some of the state's leading waterwise gardening experts including Sue McDougall, Lisa Passmore, Darren Seinor and Chris Ferreira. The show garden won 'Best in Show', with an impressive display of 35 waterwise trees and more than 700 waterwise plants.

Tips for creating your own beautiful waterwise garden suited to our climate are available at www.watercorporation.com.au/Waterwise



Gobble up water-saving ideas

METRONET is using innovative modular floating covers over construction dams (known as turkey's nests) to save about 4 million litres, or 82 standard swimming pools, of water during the life of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line Project.

For more, visit www.metronet.wa.gov.au/news/latest-news/gobble-gobbling-up-water-saving-ideas



Sustainable accolades for METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link

With an innovative and sustainable approach to water and energy use, the METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link Project has achieved one of the highest sustainability ratings in Western Australia for infrastructure projects by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council.

For more, visit [Sustainable accolades awarded to METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link - METRONET](#)



Launch of Our Gardens, with Josh Byrne

Our Gardens, with Josh Byrne is a brand new education series addressing the latest megatrends in gardening, while providing Perth residents with an understanding of how they can support the health of our iconic Swan and Canning rivers.

The workshops are supported by the Water Corporation and were delivered as part of the River Guardians program.

For more, visit [Gardening Workshops | River Guardians](#)



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