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East Gippsland's winners in the National Water Week poster competition

Students from Noorinbee, Cann River and Buchan primary schools are the East Gippsland region winners in this year's National Water Week Poster Competition, with one student also scooping first prize at state level.

The double winner is five year old Chelsea Filmer from Noorinbee Primary School, who topped the Year Prep category at both regional and state levels with her imaginative poster incorporating the message 'Tank-you for saving our water'.

The other East Gippsland regional winners, who also impressed with their imaginative posters, are:

<i>Category:</i>	<i>Winner:</i>	<i>School:</i>
Years 1-2	Skye Linsen	Buchan Primary School
Years 3-4	Taliah Smith	Noorinbee Primary School
Years 5-6	Caleb Norman	Cann River P-12 College

The competition is coordinated statewide each year by VicWater – the peak body for water businesses in Victoria – to help publicise National Water Week (18 – 24 October).

National Water Week aims to raise awareness of the need to protect and conserve our most precious resource, water.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Les Mathieson: "The standard of entries in this year's competition was once again very high. It's encouraging to see how well informed our youngsters are about water conservation and the importance of using water wisely. This owes a great deal to the work being put in by local schools to help maintain and increase awareness."

East Gippsland Water is presenting its competition winners and their schools with their prizes during National Water Week. Each participant in the poster competition will also receive a certificate.

The region's winning posters will be on display at East Gippsland Water's Bairnsdale office at 133 Macleod Street and can be viewed on the Corporation's website www.egwater.vic.gov.au

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East Gippsland's winning posters

Year Prep



By: Chelsea Filmer, Noorinbee Primary School (also 1st at State level)

Years 1 -2



By: Skye Linsen, Buchan Primary School

Years 3 - 4



By: Taliah Smith, Noorinbee Primary School

Years 5 - 6



By: Caleb Norman, Cann River P-12 College