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## **Rewarding water efficient businesses**

Small, local businesses implementing water efficiency improvements still have time to apply for a Small Business Grant of up to \$5,000 to help cover the costs.

The initiative is being run locally by East Gippsland Water on behalf of the Victorian Government. This is the final round of funding, which is designed to encourage and reward water efficiency improvements implemented by businesses, schools and aged care facilities connected to the reticulated water supply.

Most recently, Allawah Caravan & Boat Park in Paynesville was awarded \$5,000 to assist with projects aimed at reducing its water consumption by 200,000 litres a year.

This final round of the grants scheme closes on 28 February 2013.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are offered on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to cover up to 50 percent of the cost of a water-saving project or product.

Each application will be assessed on its merits, with grant winners notified by the end of March.

For more information and an application form, please contact East Gippsland Water's Sophie Dernaucourt on 1800 671 841.

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