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Tapping into grants

Bairnsdale RSL, an Orbost dairy farm and a tourist park in Lakes Entrance have just secured grants of up to \$5,000 through East Gippsland Water to assist with water-efficient initiatives.

The funding comes courtesy of the Victorian Government's Small Business Grants Scheme, which has been targeted at businesses connected to the reticulated water supply.

Those to benefit from this final round of the initiative in East Gippsland are:

- **Bairnsdale RSL** - \$3,592 to assist with the purchase and installation of a tank and pump, enabling the recirculation of water used to cool down the building's air conditioning units.
- **Orbost dairy farmers Mark and Cindy Robinson** - \$5,000 towards the cost of a large floodwash tank, so that water can be recycled to hose down the dairy.
- **Eastern Beach Tourist Park, Lakes Entrance** - \$5,000 to help with the purchase and installation of water storage tanks, used to collect rooftop rainwater and greywater from washing machines, for re-use on the park's grounds.



East Gippsland Water's Zoe Burnett congratulates Mark and Cindy Robinson

Taken together, these projects stand to reduce water consumption by more than three million litres a year (enough to fill three Olympic size swimming pools).

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond: "It's been great to see the interest shown by local businesses in the grants scheme and we'd like to thank all those who submitted an application in this final round. The standard of submissions was very high, with each carefully considered on its merits."

While the grants scheme may have come to an end, local small businesses keen to save money when buying water-efficient products and services still have the opportunity to participate in the Victorian Government's Living Victoria Water Rebate Program. This initiative is open to those companies with up to 50 employees and connected to the reticulated supply. They may be able to receive a total rebate of \$2,000, made up of multiple claims if they wish.

For more information visit the East Gippsland Water website egwater.vic.gov.au and click on the Living Victoria Water Rebate Program link under *Latest News*. Alternatively, contact the customer service team on 1800 671 841.

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