

Water Use Plan - Specific Exemption Application

(Council/School Sports Fields/Bowls Club/Golf Courses)

Sportsgrounds can water in accordance with water restrictions or Permanent Water Savings Plan rules. Detailed information is available from East Gippsland Water's website <u>www.egwater.vic.gov.au</u>.

During staged restrictions (excluding Stage 4) schools and councils can water outside of allowed water times, subject to submitting a Water Use Plan to East Gippsland Water for approval. The plan must identify the actions proposed to achieve a water usage reduction across their sportsgrounds.

At the completion if the application form, please attach a list of all outdoor recreation assets. If this application is for a school or club, then clear evidence of your water conservation efforts within the school or club will be favourably considered.

General Notes

This form provides examples of responses that could be given within each section. It is expected that you complete this form accurately detailing the specific strategies and actions that will be used to manage the area to achieve water savings.

- 1. As a demonstration of the compliance with your plan, please provide the anticipated savings as both a:
 - a. volume (Kilolitres 1,000 litres) and
 - b. percentage based on any continuous 12 month cycle falling within the period of the Permanent Water Water Use Rules.
- 2. A review will be undertaken to validate the actual savings achieved under this Plan.

Use of this Plan

- 1. This Plan is intended to be used by owners/managers of grounds where sport is played (including council, school & private areas).
- 2. It is intended to share the data gathered about the ground where sport is played (including council, school and private areas).
- 3. It is intended to share the data gathered about the area with other grounds managers to seek best practice in ground management, unless you indicate your preference not to do so.
- 4. As a condition of approval watering between the hours of 10.00am and 6.00pm will not be permitted.
- 5. Requirements for plans on exempt playing surfaces will be handled on a case by case basis.

Property Details - address where exemption is sought

Account Number:	Name of ground:
Address:	
Town:	Postcode:
Customer Details	
Name Organisation:	Contact Name:
Postal Address:	
Town:	Postcode:
Contact Number (Bus):	(Mobile):
Email:	
Office Use Only – Exemption application submitted at	
Stage:	Date:



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Section 1 – Water Efficiency Objectives	
Examples	
 Prioritise ground water based on: Significance of competition or event being played Number matches/games played Type of activity (eg practice/training venues) Ground sub-surface drainage Ground construction type (eg sand based, soil or clay) 	Long term plan to move away from cool season grass (eg Rye) playing fields to drought resistant warm season grasses (eg Couch/Kikuyu/) or synthetic grass. Create a grounds management plan.
 Review and reduce water usage across the whole Organisation (e.g. water banking); Install water efficient fittings in buildings and pavilions; Wider use of mulch on garden beds; Schools must implement other water savings initiatives identified through formalised programs such as the Sustainable Schools Programs. 	Introduce supplementary water supplies: Groundwater; Recycled water; Rainwater tank; Greywater reuse systems; River diversions; Dam supply

Please specify your proposed objectives



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Section 2 – Site Irrigation Efficiency Actions	
Examples	
Use fertiliser/aerating programs. Change mowing height to optimise moisture retention. Verti-drainage. Review irrigations system, scheduling and management.	Use slow release fertilisers or moisture retaining materials. De-thatching. Install check meters for irrigation watering. Note:- Moisture/soil sensors are compulsory

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Sportsground/Area Use Plan Data

Town:				School:					
Name of ground:				Address of ground:					
Type of ground construction (sandy or clay soil)	Area of grass (m2)	Type of grass	Type of irrigation (auto/manual)	Freq of use (High/Med/Low	Meter size	Meter number(s)	Average annual water usage (kL)	Other water used (e.g. bore)	

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Please Specify:

- 1. Provide sportsground data in an excel spreadsheet (mandatory).
- 2. Provide grounds information as follows:
 - Number of grounds irrigated by mains water
 - Number of grounds not irrigated (by mains water) at all
 - Number of grounds irrigated by an alternate water supply (recycled, rainwater tank etc.)
 - Number of other grounds e.g. synthetic turf
- 3. Participate in sharing of data with other ground managers to establish best practice (optional). I will I will not permit my data and practices to be shared.
- 4. Average total water usage for grounds per annumkilolitres
- 5. Revised annual water usage for grounds per annumkilolitres

I agree that the strategies and actions specified within this Water Use Plan are a true reflection of our intentions and that we will use best endeavours to ensure that the water savings outlined will be achieved.

Declaration

Signed Responsible Person:

Date: