

## Class A growth for Melton

A \$2.8 million 7km pipeline project will bring Class A recycled water to the new \$45 million headquarters of Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) near Melton as well as servicing the new Toolern precinct.

Western Water Managing Director John Wilkinson said the completed pipeline would make Class A recycled water available for use along its route, in commercial premises and for toilet flushing and garden watering in new residential development.

"Using recycled water for appropriate purposes will conserve more than 18 million litres of precious drinking water each year at the HRV site alone," Mr Wilkinson said.

HRV will use recycled water for dust suppression during race meetings and for landscaping across the site.

The project is a partnership between Western Water, the State Government, Melton Council and HRV.

"The pipeline will bring important economic benefits, attracting new investment and building long term jobs and economic prospects in Melton shire," said Don Nardella MLA, Member for Melton.

"As the Victorian community leader in recycled water re-use, Western Water is to be congratulated in this further critical infrastructure, building on the economic growth and jobs with the ground-breaking Sunbury to Melton recycled water pipeline"

Western Water has committed \$1.44 million to the pipeline's development, Regional Development Victoria has contributed \$500,000, Melton Council has contributed up to \$500,000, and HRV has contributed \$356,000. The pipeline is due for completion by May 2009.

"The development of this pipeline from our Class A treatment plant at Melton South has been brought forward by at least two years thanks to the funding from our partners," said Mr Wilkinson.

## Record recycling thanks to secure supply

In January and February 2009, a record 95% of water flowing into all of Western Water's recycled water plants was recycled for beneficial purposes.

"The Sunbury-Melton Recycled Water Scheme has been particularly successful this year, thanks both to the recently constructed 8.8 ML storage reservoir at the Sunbury Recycled Water Plant and careful customer demand management," said Stephanie Gillespie, Manager Renewable Resources.

"Acting on our advice, our customers wisely took recycled water consistently across the summer to fill their own storage facilities, rather than placing a high demand on the supply on days of extreme heat.

"On hot days last year, supply interruptions affected more than 50 customers along the Sunbury-Melton Scheme and a roster system was introduced to control demand," said Ms Gillespie.

"But despite similar extreme conditions this summer, thanks to the new storage facility at Sunbury and our customers' efforts, the recycled water supply was uninterrupted."



Construction of the new Class A Toolern pipeline commenced on 16 March.



**Western Water's Superhero of Sustainability, Recycled Water Woman, joined Eynesbury spokesman John Wood at the Eynesbury Dash Fun Run in support of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation on 15 March.**

**Western Water supplies Class A recycled water to the new Eynesbury township, south of Melton, for toilet flushing, garden watering and recreational space irrigation.**

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Biosolids are a nutrient rich organic material derived from the production of recycled water. In the right agricultural setting biosolids are a valuable organic soil conditioner and fertiliser.

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**If you would like to express interest or learn more about this valuable resource, please contact Sarah Newell in the Renewable Resources Team, on 9218 5505 or email [sarah.newell@westernwater.com.au](mailto:sarah.newell@westernwater.com.au)**

