

Marriott Waters greener on recycled water



Above: Giuliano Gava (SE Water), Charlie Littlefair (SE Water), Tony Johnson (front - Villawood), Ross Morcombe (SE Water), Nancy Bickerton (Villawood), Daniel Kennedy (Watsons), John Woodman (Watsons), Terry Dagleish (SE Water).

Right: State Water Minister Tim Holding turns the tap to Villawood Properties' Marriott Waters.



Residents of the new Marriott Waters development at Lyndhurst will enjoy green lawns and gardens all year round while helping to save Melbourne's drinking water.

State Water Minister Tim Holding recently turned on the tap to Villawood Properties' Marriott Waters residential development where almost 100 homes are accessing Class A recycled water, including 50 display homes.

"The Brumby Government and water authorities are working to increase the use of recycled water which helps reduce demand on our drinking water supplies," Mr Holding said.

"Melbourne uses far more recycled water than any other major city in Australia with annual use increasing from around 14 billion litres in 1999 to over 66 billion litres in 2007/08."

"Residents at Marriott Waters are able to use Class A recycled water for a range of non-drinking purposes including flushing toilets and watering the garden.

"Recycled water will enable these households greater freedom from water restrictions and will help reduce demand on drinking water in these homes by around a third."

Purple taps, pipes, hoses and meters help

residents distinguish between recycled water and drinking water supplies.

Mr Holding congratulated Villawood for bringing recycled water to Marriott Waters, allowing residents to make good use of this high-quality resource.

"In 2002, we set an ambitious goal to recycle at least 20 per cent of our wastewater by 2010. We reached that goal two years ahead of schedule - so that today across Melbourne we re-use over 23 per cent of our wastewater.

As well as for new residential developments, recycled water is used for agriculture, industry, on sporting grounds and

in nurseries.

South East Water's Managing Director Shaun Cox expects to supply recycled water to up to 40,000 households in Melbourne's south-east growth corridor over the next 20 years.

"Those customers could save the equivalent of around four billion litres of drinking water each year by substituting Class-A recycled water for flushing toilets and outdoor use," Mr Cox said.

"The wider use of recycled water will reduce the ocean discharge from the eastern treatment plant, so our coastal environment will also be a big winner."