

Memorandum of Understanding



This document represents an agreement between Water Corporation, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to outline the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes' commitment to the Waterwise Council Program (the Program) and detail the organisation's commitment to build a cooperative working relationship to sustainably manage water use in the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes area and increase awareness of the importance of building water sensitive communities.

Term

This MOU will guide the working relationship between the parties to achieve the MOU intent for a period from the date of its signing until either party decides it no longer wishes to participate in the Program. At that time, the working relationship between the parties will be reviewed.

Background

Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation launched the Waterwise Council Program in 2009 to build a cooperative working relationship with local government to improve water use efficiency in their operations and their communities.

Population and economic growth combined with the changing climate are placing additional pressures on those planning, managing and using our water resources. In response, the State Government is creating a portfolio of options to meet our future

water demands highlighting the importance of water use efficiency.

The partnership with local government is an essential component in achieving water savings in our communities. The Program will assist local government to improve water management of potable and non-potable sources for public open space and facilities. The Program also supports behavioural changes in the community by encouraging the use of products and services designed to reduce water demand.

Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation:

- Will present the council with an official acknowledgement of achievement on completion of the program criteria. Additional recognition will be provided to endorsed councils that have achieved significant progress towards best practice water management in council operations and the community.
- Will provide the council with branding to promote the council as Waterwise.
- Will promote the council as Waterwise through any relevant advertising campaigns and on both the Corporation and Department's websites.
- Will provide access to Waterwise training including all training materials at no charge to councils participating in the Program.



Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes:

Will work with Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to improve water management and champion water efficiency, take part in appropriate promotional activities and encourage all appropriate staff to undertake relevant Waterwise training.

- Will commit to meeting the Program criteria as detailed below:
 1. Council commitment – sign this Memorandum of Understanding confirming the council's commitment to participate in the Waterwise Council Program.
 2. Review council water consumption and create a Waterwise Council Action Plan for potable and non-potable water sources for all council operations and the community.
 3. Ensure that appropriate staff members complete Waterwise training.
 4. Progress towards full compliance with groundwater licence conditions including metering regulations and no infringements of water usage issued in the past 12 months. (This includes permanent water efficiency measures)
 5. Report annually to retain Waterwise Council endorsement. Evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Program criteria will be requested every year. Should a council fail to meet the criteria, Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation may remove the council's endorsement status. If endorsement is withdrawn this automatically removes the council's right to use the Program branding.

- Will recognise the partnership with Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation through promotion where appropriate on the council's website, on materials and at events.

Future Commitments

1. The parties commit to:

Recognise and protect the intellectual property that parties may invest in the preparation of any promotion or offer.

Ensure logos used on all promotional materials are used in accordance with the organisation's guidelines and that the appropriate approvals are received prior to use.

Nominate a point of contact at each organisation that will be responsible for overseeing progress towards the purpose of this MOU.

2.

The parties will not disclose, advertise, or publish the details of this MOU without the prior written consent of the other parties, unless required to do so under law.

No Obligations

The parties agree that in working towards the purpose of this MOU they will deal with each other and conduct themselves in accordance with good commercial business and industrial practice.

The relationship between the parties is limited to carrying out the purpose of the MOU.

This MOU does not preclude either organisation from developing similar mutually beneficial understandings with other parties.



Date of Effect

27/11/2020

For Water Corporation

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

For Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

For Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

By:

Name: ***Tim Clynch***

Title: ***Chief Executive Officer***

Date: