

## Playing Fields Water Savings Program

### Ever wondered :

- What is the right amount of water for my playing fields?
- Are my irrigation systems as water and cost efficient as possible?
- How my irrigation systems perform compared with others?
- How to improve my irrigation system performance?



### Invitation:

You are invited to work with IPWEA and Irrigation Australia (IAL) to answer these questions and improve your water efficiency and irrigation system performance as part of our Victorian

### ***Playing Fields Water Savings Program***

### Register your interest in Participating at:

[www.ipwea.org.au/vic](http://www.ipwea.org.au/vic) (under courses & workshops)

**by 28 May 2010**

Details of the ***Playing Fields Water Savings Program*** are overleaf

*IAL is Australia's peak irrigation industry organisation representing the whole of Australia's irrigation industry chain, including both rural and urban irrigation. IAL is a national, member based, not-for-profit, non-political organisation and is a Registered Training Organisation under the national training framework. **IAL's mission is to lead the development of a professional irrigation industry embracing best practice to underpin healthy, sustainable urban and rural communities and lifestyles.** IAL's core function is to provide technical, training, certification and information services to support best practice irrigation across Australia.*

**What is the IAL/IPWEA *Playing Fields Water Savings Program*?**

The Program is a joint IPWEA/IAL initiative that involves participants signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IPWEA and IAL to:

- prepare and implement an irrigation management plan to achieve specified system performance benchmarks by an agreed timeframe;
- develop and implement an irrigation schedule;
- adopt prescribed management principles;
- undertake irrigation system performance auditing and reporting;
- refine irrigation management plan based on auditing and comparison of performance against the irrigation management plan, program benchmarks, and other participants and open space managers.

The role of IAL and IPWEA is to:

- develop program objectives in consultation with participants – this will include system performance benchmarks and management principles;
- develop and deliver tools to enable participants to efficiently fulfil MoU obligations including:
  - templates for irrigation management plans;
  - irrigation system reporting templates;
  - training tailored to participant needs and offered at discounted rates to participants;
- prepare reports to enable participants to compare their irrigation system performance;
- run annual workshops to develop a fellowship between participants and enable participant input and feedback to refine the program; and importantly:
- provide technical information and link participants with IAL Certified Irrigation Professionals when competent irrigation services are needed for development of irrigation management plans, development of schedules, system auditing and system rectification.

**Why Participate?**

- Better playing surfaces/open space;
- Contribute to community water saving efforts– potentially between 15-20% water savings;
- Reduced water costs - potentially in the order of 15-20% savings;
- Less exposed to future restrictions;
- Genuine claim that every last drop is used efficiently to meet a defined objective for public benefit.

**Where Can I Find out More Information?**

Contact IAL on (02) 9476 0142 or EMail your query to Tim Gilbert on [tim.gilbert@irrigation.org.au](mailto:tim.gilbert@irrigation.org.au) or Contact IPWEA on (03) 9005 0860

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**How Do I Register to Participate?**

Register your interest in participation at : [www.ipwea.org.au/vic](http://www.ipwea.org.au/vic) (courses and workshops) or Complete the details below.

IAL and IPWEA will then be in contact shortly to invite you to a workshop to help set the system performance benchmarks and management principles for this Program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return this slip to: Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Victoria Division, PO Box 1254 Geelong Victoria 3220 | F 03 5250 3008