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WATER MILESTONE ACHIEVED

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In June 2006, Echuca Regional Health commenced a water reduction and re-use project. Support was gained from the federal and state governments through grants programs.

In November 2007, a water usage audit was undertaken, taking water flow readings from every tap outlet and aimed at identifying water savings opportunities across the Health Service with the assistance of Cameron Roberts from Water & Energy Savers.

On Sunday 5th October, Echuca Regional Health reached 8 million litres of water savings since the system has been installed, with preparations underway for water to be used for toilet flushing.

Regional Engineering Services Manager Mark Hooper is pleased to reach the milestone, however has not lost sight of the objective for continuous improvement. "We will use around 7000 litres of water per day flushing toilets and recover about the same from our re-use. The challenge is to make sure we have enough left in our tanks to keep the grass green between rains. "

The grounds and gardens at the health service are maintained using recycled water captured from the facility, and the water used through the toilet systems will also be from the recycled storage.

Rain water from the new Integrated Care Services building which was opened in August has also been linked into the re-use system and has doubled the total water available for capture from rain.

To arrange a photo, please contact Jane Reid – details above