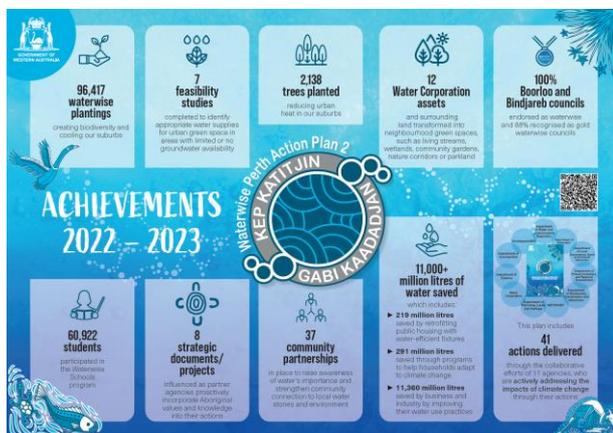


Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan Waterwise Perth Action Plan 2

This is a bi-annual newsletter to provide updates from actions within the plan. To be featured please send a submission to waterwise@dwer.wa.gov.au

Action updates – November 2023

Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan Waterwise Perth Action Plan 2 celebrates its first birthday!



Through 41 actions and the collaborative efforts of 11 agencies – the departments of Water and Environmental Regulation; Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Communities; Education; Finance; Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; Planning, Lands and Heritage; Primary Industries and Regional Development; and Water Corporation; DevelopmentWA; and METRONET – we are tackling the impacts of climate change. We are creating climate-resilient communities by conserving Boorloo and Bindjareb’s water resources, ensuring the health of our waterways and wetlands, and supporting urban greening, biodiversity and urban cooling.

Read more: [media statement](#)

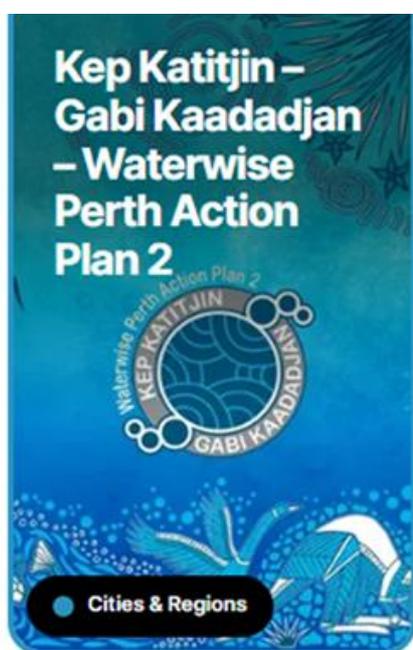
Waterwise Perth Action Plan 2019 takes out the Australian Water Association's Organisational Excellence Award 2022–23

This award recognises significant and innovative initiatives within the water industry that drive prosperity and sustainability. Projects, initiatives or activities that may be included in this award are those that drive organisational transformative change or external programs that improve the engagement or outcomes for communities and partners.

Delivery of the Waterwise Perth Action Plan included award-winning projects and innovative technology to create new solutions to Perth's urban water challenges. It has been a step change towards an across-government collaborative approach to water and climate change.



[Celebrating our WA Winners for 2023 \(awa.asn.au\)](http://awa.asn.au)



The Plan outlines the next steps towards establishing world-leading waterwise communities for Perth and Peel by 2030.

Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan Waterwise Perth Action Plan 2 included in the new Climate Action website

The State Government has commenced an awareness campaign to inform the public about climate action and climate policy in Western Australia.

The Climate Action website, launched at the end of September, focuses on climate action in WA and how everyone can contribute. Television, radio and online campaign [advertising](#) promoted the launch of website.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has designed and developed the website to be a one-stop shop to educate, inform and keep the public up to date with what's happening to address climate change in WA.

Taking action on climate change towards a cleaner future is underway and everyone can play a part.

Read more: [Initiatives \(climateaction.wa.gov.au\)](http://climateaction.wa.gov.au)

Be Groundwater Wise spring/Kambarang campaign

Spring is always a good time to think about being groundwater wise.

Find out more about our groundwater and the vital role it plays in our total water supply and learn about how to be groundwater wise: [Home - Be Groundwater Wise](#)





1,000th Government-owned home goes waterwise

One thousand Western Australian social housing properties have now been made more water efficient through a successful State Government partnership helping to save drinking water and reduce tenants' bills.

Read more: [article](#)

Splash of Colour for Bicton foreshore

A Water Corporation pump station overlooking the Swan River has received a colourful makeover, with an eye-catching mural created by a local artist and school children.

Read more: [article](#)



Top of the class: milestone for Waterwise Schools Program

One of WA's longest-running and most successful school education initiatives – the Waterwise Schools Program – has celebrated a major milestone after reaching a record number of students in the past financial year.

Read more: [Top of the class: milestone for Waterwise Schools Program](#)

Sustainable accolades for METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line

The Morley-Ellenbrook Line Project is the first rail project in Australia/New Zealand to achieve an IS version 2.1 rating, attaining a Gold rating (66.5 points certified) for Design from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council. This exceeded their contractual requirement of a Silver rating, setting the project on track to achieve a Gold rating for As-Built.

Read more: [Sustainable accolades awarded to the Morley-Ellenbrook Line team! - METRONET](#)



Camila Fonseca Mazzo & Leigh Penney from the MELconnx sustainability team

Lake Street Living Stream project wins the Grahame Heal Water Sensitive Urban Design Award at the WA Water Awards on 3 November 2023



Read more: [Drainage for Liveability Program](#)

The City of Canning, working with LD Total, has converted Water Corporation's drain on Lake Street Cannington into an urban stream. The drain has been transformed into a new urban linear park designed for local residents, visitors and wildlife.

The Drainage for Liveability program, delivered by Water Corporation in partnership with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, has worked with local governments and other stakeholders to transform 35 drains, basins and other assets to improve the community and environmental value of these open spaces in our urban environment.



Waterwise Greening Scheme offers greener future

Water Minister Simone McGurk recognised waterwise councils for helping create cooler, greener and more sustainable neighbourhoods through Water Corporation's Waterwise Greening Scheme. Since being expanded in 2019, the scheme has provided almost half a million dollars to co-fund 179,697 waterwise plants, 3,283 street trees, 887 verge transformations, 19 waterwise demonstration gardens and three garden competitions.

Read more: [media statement](#)

National Water Week innovation tour

In recognition of the 2023 National Water Week theme 'United by Water', the newly released [OneOneFive Hamilton Hill best practice guide to a Waterwise development](#) is intended to encourage better uptake of innovative water management practices in urban developments to achieve water savings, improved urban greening and liveability outcomes.

OneOneFive Hamilton Hill is a DevelopmentWA 'Innovation Through Demonstration' ecologically sensitive development targeting the highest levels of sustainability by reducing waste and minimising water and energy consumption, while retaining the site's landform, trees and biodiversity. It was awarded all six Elements of EnviroDevelopment and Waterwise Platinum in 2022.





Funding boost for local governments to reduce groundwater use

Local governments will receive a share of \$4 million in funding to help reduce groundwater use under the Gnangara groundwater allocation plan.

Read more: [media statement](#)

Waterwise offers to help get your garden summer-ready

Households across Perth and Peel are being encouraged to take advantage of waterwise irrigation offers this spring to help save valuable water and reduce bills.

Read more: [media statement](#)



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