



Heathcote Recycled Water Initiative

We love to see things grow. And to help things grow you need a good supply of water.

As Heathcote's population of almost 3,000 continues to grow, the Heathcote Water Reclamation Plant has seen wastewater inflows steadily increase. That increase means more recycled water is being produced.

We are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from landowners and business operators to enter into an agreement for the long-term use of recycled water from our plant.

Recycled water is a cheap, sustainable source of water that is rich in nutrients. It can be used for agriculture or to irrigate farmland. It can also be used to keep parks and sporting grounds green all year round.

Our EOI period runs from 9am, Monday 17 July to 5pm, Monday 14 August, 2023.

Anyone ideally within 10km of Heathcote interested in using recycled water can apply - even landowners who are interested in using smaller volumes each year.

After completing an EOI, staff will meet with applicants to go through a more detailed assessment of their needs and then work with preferred customers to develop an appropriate solution.

This is an exciting opportunity for sustainable re-use of recycled water within the community.

As recycled water production from the Heathcote Water Reclamation Plant gradually increases, there may be up to 50 megalitres available per year under a long-term agreement.

Search
'Heathcote Recycled Water'
on connect.coliban.com.au
for more information and to
apply

The Expression of Interest process

If you're interested in receiving recycled water from Coliban Water, register your interest by filling out our online EOI form.



Once the EOI period has closed, we will meet with applicants to go through a more detailed assessment of their needs.



We will notify applicants of the outcome when all assessments have been completed.



We will work closely with successful applicants to develop an appropriate solution, and look to form an agreement.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is recycled water?

Recycled water is wastewater that's been treated so it can be sustainably re-used for other purposes. Throughout our region we treat wastewater at our Water Reclamation Plants and find beneficial ways to re-use the water. Please see the recycled water page at coliban.com.au to understand the three types of recycled water and their uses.

Why should I use recycled water?

Recycled water is a reliable source of water that is suitably treated for agricultural use and rich in nutrients. We are committed to finding sustainable and beneficial ways to use our recycled water. Heathcote produces Class C recycled water, suitable for use to irrigate cooked or processed human food crops or sporting grounds.

Is there a cost to become a recycled water customer?

Yes, there is a cost to use recycled water. The cost can vary, and is dependant on factors such as infrastructure required to supply it, management of the supply and any benefits associated with the end-use (for example, public benefits).

What is the length of a recycled water agreement?

This will vary as we assess applicants on a case-by-case basis and determine their needs. Where significant investment is required to supply recycled water to a property, the minimum agreement length is 20 years.

How soon could I receive recycled water?

Assessments and in-principle agreements may take several months, but construction of pipes, storage and infrastructure could take several years to complete. Timing of supply will depend on these factors.

Will everyone who submits an EOI receive recycled water?

No. We will assess applications for recycled water on a case-by-case basis, using a transparent and accountable evaluation process.

What are the EOI dates?

Expressions of Interest open at 9am on Monday 17 July to 5pm on Monday 14 August. After completing an EOI, we will meet with applicants directly to go through a more detailed assessment of their needs.

More information

Search for Heathcote Recycled Water at connect.coliban.com.au for more information or to fill out an EOI form. Please email communications@coliban.com.au with any questions.